

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



AuSable River Fest Parade 1B

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1999

"Home of the AuSable River"

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LEMANS START - (Left)
More than 55 teams raced through the streets of Grayling in the LeMans-style start of the 52nd AuSable Canoe Marathon to the banks of the river near Ray's Canoe Livery (above) where the paddlers began their 120-mile trek to the banks of Lake Huron.

Reigning champs win 52nd marathon

■ Kolka, Corbin paddle to 4th straight victory

Three-time defending AuSable Marathon champs Serge Corbin, 42, of St. Boniface de Shawinigan, Quebec, and Jeff Kolka, 40, of Grayling, paddled their way to an unprecedented fourth consecutive victory Sunday, July 25 at North America's richest, toughest non-stop canoe race: the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The race started with a bang at 9 p.m. Saturday night in Grayling. At the sound of the starter's pistol, 57 two-person teams ran 1/4 mile through the streets of Grayling to the AuSable River for the start of this 120 mile, 14 to 19 hour non-stop race.

Thousands of fans lining the streets and the riverbank at Ray's Canoe Livery gave the teams a rousing send-off on this epic contest through the night and over 50,000 paddle strokes to the finish line in Oscoda, on the shores of Lake Huron.

Kolka and Corbin were edged out in the run to the river by the

team identified as having the best opportunity to upset the champs' bid for a fourth consecutive win: Bill Torongo, 37, of Grayling, and Patrick Lynch, 35, of Shawinigan-Sud, Quebec. Torongo/Lynch set a torrid pace early in the race, but the defending champs kept pace. As Kolka and Corbin continued to press the leaders, Lynch began to suffer the effects of an intestinal disorder. Kolka/Corbin steadily pulled away, opening a lead that they would not relinquish.

The champs paddled just off a record pace for much of the race and crossed the finish line in 14:08:18 (14 hours, eight minutes, eighteen seconds) to claim their fourth consecutive Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon victory and the \$5,000 first place prize. Their cash award swelled as the pair also claimed a number of bonuses throughout the race.

Their finishing time was a little more than ten minutes off the all time record of 13:58:08 set by Corbin and Solomon Carriere, of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan, in 1994.

After the eventual champs pulled away, Torongo/Lynch continued to

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City Council votes down DDA by 3-2 margin

■ Two motions to establish DDA fail at Monday night meeting

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Two separate motions to adopt a resolution of establishment for the Downtown Development Authority in Grayling failed on Monday, July 26, both by a 3-2 vote.

The city council discussed the issue at length with citizens and business owners on Monday night, and had DDA consultant Dan Elliott present for the meeting.

Elliott went over the DDA boundary map with the council and meeting participants, stating that the proposed area should probably be

reduced, since it contains too much residential property.

A citizens advisory council would have to be formed if the bounds were to be adopted as presented, said Elliott, which would result in major delays to projects due to the citizens council's time for deliberation, sometimes several months. Also, Elliott said, the proposed district may face a "possible legal challenge" if adopted, since by law DDAs are intended to help "commercial" areas.

Mayor Ralph Stevens was concerned with the financial issues sur-

rounding the DDA, saying that the district would bring in only about \$3,000 to \$5,000, much of which would be eaten up by auditing and assessing fees.

Mayor Ralph Stevens proposes "Community Improvement Authority" as alternative to DDA

Stevens explained that the city receives a small increase in revenue each year, which would be absorbed

by the DDA if it was adopted. Without the yearly increase, he said, the city would eventually have to either cut services or increase taxes. "We'd have to make that money up somewhere," Stevens said.

Elliott agreed that the DDA would probably not bring in much money the first few years, and what did come in would be mostly consumed by auditing, "(but) that doesn't mean you don't do one."

Mayor Pro-Tem D.J. Brown moved to adopt the resolution of establishment for the DDA with a revised version of the original boundaries, which removed a significant amount of residential area. Palmer seconded the motion, but Brown and Palmer were the only two council members to vote "yes." The motion was defeated 3-2.

Later in the meeting, Palmer moved to adopt the DDA with the original map. Brown seconded, but that motion also failed 3-2.

Mayor Stevens moved to adopt a "Community Improvement Authority" (CIA), an alternative to the DDA that he had brought up at the July 12 council meeting.

According to Stevens, a CIA would be funded as a budgeted item by the city, and would consist of a nine-person board. The board members would be appointed by City Manager Jerry Morford and confirmed by the city council, said Stevens.

Councilman Robert Golnick provided a second to Stevens' motion, but council members Brown and Palmer said they would like to see a resolution in writing before considering a vote on the issue.

Stevens withdrew his motion, and said he would have the city attorney draft documentation for the proposal.

North Down resurfacing could start next month

■ Tentative plans call for August 23 starting date

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County recently held a pre-construction meeting for the North Down River Road resurfacing project with low bidder H & D Inc., at which a tentative starting date for construction was set at August 23.

The pre-construction meeting was one more step in the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) process of finalizing the award of the bid for the North Down

project. An MDOT construction engineer must now make a final approval of the plans.

The \$330,000 construction project will result in the resurfacing of North Down River Road from east of the I-75 ramps to just past the curve at Wilcox Bridge Road. Also, a new intersection will be installed at North Down and Wilcox.

The tentative completion date was set for October 1, though Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said the project will probably be completed "far before that."

Babcock said that traffic will be open on North Down during the construction, but may be reduced to one lane at times.

County Board supported DDA

■ Economic growth favored by board in resolution last week

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Recognizing the potential asset a Grayling Downtown Development Authority (DDA) would create for the city, as well as the county, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to be part of the new endeavor, much to the delight of about 15 DDA proponents in attendance at the Board's July 21 regular meeting.

Before the decision to support was made, a final plea for support was given by Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President Monte Burmeister. Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) member Bill Gannon also shared his recent revelation that the Forest Dunes development in South Branch Township presents the ideal opportunity and assurance for a county tax base increase and hoped it would reduce any fears the Board may have with the proposed DDA.

In a resolution presented to the

Board by Vice Chair Beth Wieland at the meeting, reasons were stated in favor of support of a DDA.

The resolution stated the City of Grayling had followed the correct procedure, including a public hearing outlining the boundaries of the proposed downtown district, and the County Board's understanding that the purpose of a DDA is to correct and prevent deterioration in the business district, in addition to promoting economic growth.

Wieland stated in the resolution the Board's understanding of the DDA's plan for projects that are expected to increase assessed valuation in the district "above amounts which would otherwise be expected," and the Tax Increment Financing Plan making financing possible for all or part of DDA projects.

The Vice Chair spoke for the entire Board in the resolution when she said the County recognizes the financial hardship experienced in

the past few years, leading to reduced County services and the fact that Grayling Recreational Authority and the Crawford County Transportation Authority have requested their millage be exempt from capture.

However, Wieland said, the Board feels that the creation and support of the DDA will enhance the community and raise the value of the entire county through economic growth which will increase revenues in the future.

The resolution was passed by a 5 - 0 vote, with Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman absent due to illness. Pinkelman stated the next day she would have voted in favor of supporting the proposed DDA had she been able to attend the meeting.

All was for naught late Monday evening when the Grayling City Council voted down the proposed DDA at their regular meeting, by a 3 - 2 vote. D.J. Brown and Marilyn Palmer voting in favor of the DDA.

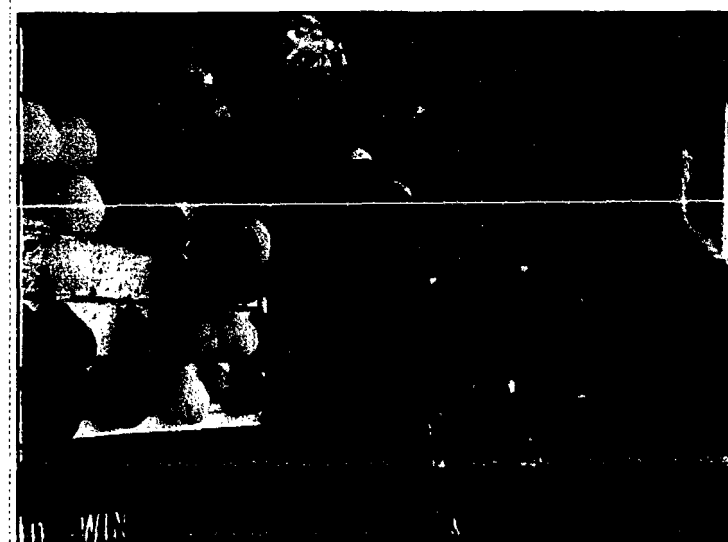


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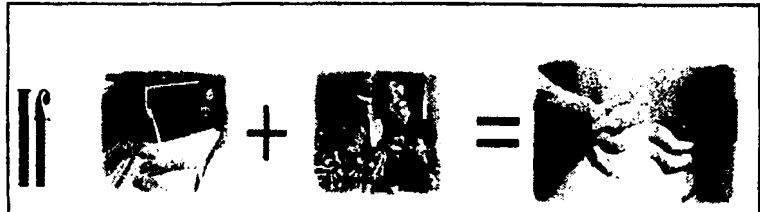
STEP RIGHT UP - Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill tries to win a prize on opening day of the 1999 Crawford County Fair. Look for more fair and festival photos throughout this issue of *The Avalanche*.

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Frederic zoning works on Manistee District proposal

■ Board hopes plan will help protect river, maintain local zoning control

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

For over a year, the Frederic Township Zoning Board has been working on a proposal to designate the "riparian (waterfront) corridor of the renowned Manistee River system as a separate zoning district," which the board hopes will aid in protecting the river.

"This is a world class resource," said Zoning Board Chairman Joe Kutkuhn of the Manistee. "There aren't many river systems like this. It's our collective responsibility to protect that resource."

The plan also seeks to keep control of the proposed area's growth in the hands of local government (rather than state-controlled), in addition to "preserving the rights as well as the privileges of owning associated riparian property."

The Frederic Manistee River District (FMRD) would encompass the 400 feet of property on both sides of the Manistee, and would have specific zoning regulations for future construction within that belt of land.

On Friday, July 23, the Frederic Township Zoning Board held a public hearing to discuss the proposal with property owners and interested parties. The board has held a few such meetings throughout the several months it has worked on the plan.

Public comments revealed strong support for the "concept" of such a plan, but there were issues regarding some of the specifics.

Many questions centered around the concern that the district would hinder additions or renovations of existing "non-conforming" structures.

The board explained that the FMRD would only affect new structures; existing buildings would not have to be moved, and additions or reconstructions to such "grandfathered" structures would be permitted.

Citizens also expressed concern over the placement of mobile homes, trailers or fifth wheel RVs on property within the district.

Some of those that spoke at the meeting wished to have a square footage requirement higher than the proposed 576 sq/ft, and others felt that keeping the square footage low would be helpful, especially to those who plan to build gradually by building additions periodically or those who just want a summer cabin on the river.

Board member Ken Bindschatel explained that

the reasoning behind the figure of 576 (24 by 24) was so people could start out small and add on later, since the cost of the riverfront property is very expensive and many families cannot afford to build a big home right away. "With this, you can start small and work your way up," he said.

The 576 sq/ft requirement is consistent with Frederic Township's regular specifications.

The square footage issue is unlikely to reach an end that will satisfy everyone, due to the varying goals of property owners in the Manistee River area. As one citizen said, "One person wants it as a dream home, and the other as a summer cabin. It's going to be pretty hard to meet us halfway here."

Many of the meeting participants, some of whom were part-time Frederic Township residents, said they would like the board to have another public hearing before it takes the proposal to the Frederic Township Board for a vote.

(The Frederic Township Board will make the final decision on the proposal once the zoning board is satisfied with the plan and recommends it to the township board.)

Chairman Kutkuhn encouraged people wishing to submit further feedback to do so in writing, and said the board would consider the information as it continues to refine the FMRD proposal.

Housing Board appoints Wakeley as Director/Inspector

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

After advertising in several area newspapers for a new Housing Director, the Crawford County Housing Commission Board has decided to combine the positions of Director and Inspector, opening the door for fledgling inspector Cy Wakeley to take the reins of the faltering agency.

At a recent Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting, Chair Lynette Corlew said, "The (Housing) Board will always have the right to hire who they want as a Director and staff. The County Board has no jurisdiction over them. But, with (County) Board action, we can say how much someone gets paid."

Wakeley indicated in an interview on July 23, the Housing Board had not discussed how much he would be paid for the new position at the time the decision was made to combine the two jobs at a special meeting held July 22. County Controller Paul Compo was also in attendance at the meeting last week.

"I don't feel the Board has created a new position," Wakeley said. "I think they are just trying to find ways to cut administrative costs with the combination."

However, the Housing Board is now advertising for a part-time secretary to help Wakeley in his quest to clean up the Commission and "get the ball rolling in the right direction," as he put it. No wage amount for the secretarial position is indicated in the ad running in *The Avalanche*, therefore any savings remain unknown.

For those who applied for the position of Housing Director, the question may remain to the Board why the change in plans? "There was a sense of urgency, at that meeting, to create some continuity," said Wakeley. "And, everyone knows that the wheels in government can turn slow. Can we afford to stand still any longer?"

The new Director/Inspector said he was really concerned about the length of time it might take to review applications, set interview appointments, discuss the applicants, then make the decision of who to hire.

With a surname like his, Wakeley

said he is concerned that some citizens will think he is part of the "good old boy" system. "I'm not a good old boy, I'm a home boy," he said. "I grew up here and know that the Housing Commission was once a real entity in this county, but not anymore. I'd like to see this agency turn around to what it used to be. It really helped a lot of people improve their quality of life."

There's good news as Wakeley starts his administration. An extension was granted to the Commission

by USDA Rural Development for the Housing Preservation Grant, now good until December 31. Five projects are now ready to proceed because of the extension.

Historical Society plans second Heritage Day

The Crawford County Historical Society will hold its Second Annual Heritage Day on Saturday, August 14 at the Crawford County Historical Museum.

The purpose of Heritage Day is to promote the Historical Museum and the history of Crawford County, as well as Michigan, by educating and teaching through the use of demonstrations, displays and experiences of an historical nature.

Children 11 years old and under will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The museum is located at the train depot in downtown Grayling and the day's activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grayling's Sidewalk Sales will take place during the same hours.

Admission is \$2 for adults.

For more information, call Fay Bovee - Publicity at 348-7017; Bob Ruddy - Curator at 348-7333; or Donna Carnean - Chairperson at 348-5356 (evenings only).

The day will start with cannon firing and flag raising by the VFW. The men's work area, women's work area, bake sale, making and selling of the Danish treat aebleskiver, will take place all day at the museum.

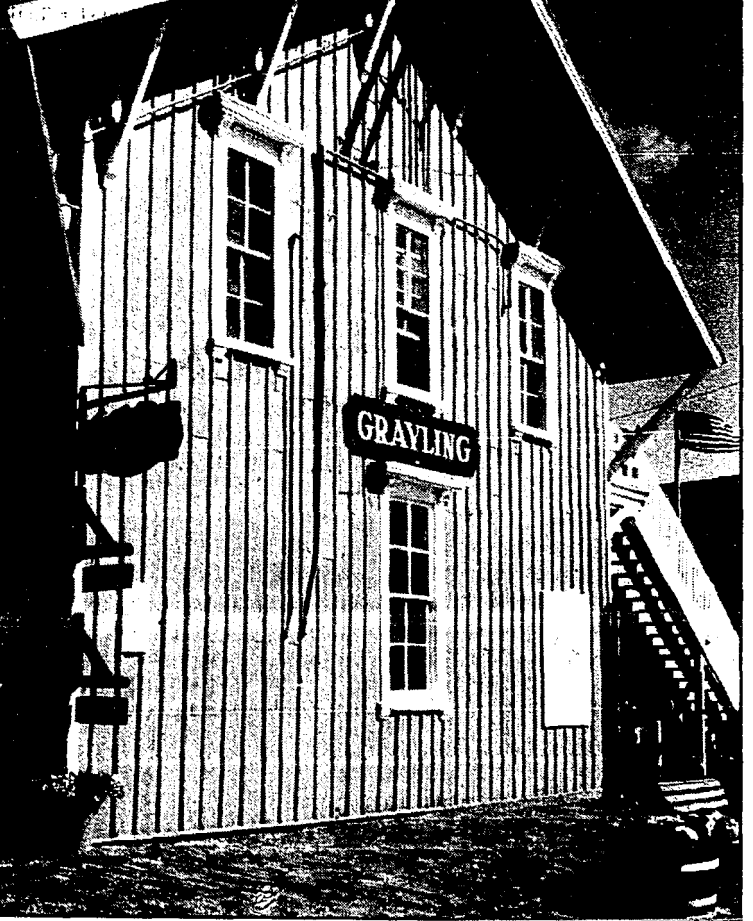


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

The Key Club, a high school community service group sponsored by the Grayling Kiwanis, will also open a food concession from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HERITAGE DAY SITE - The Crawford County Historical Museum on Michigan Avenue in Grayling will be the site of the 2nd Annual Heritage Day, August 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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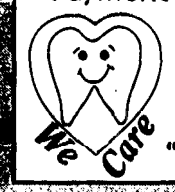
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Crawford County groups receive over \$450,000 in grants

Governor John Engler has awarded \$21 million in funds for drug prevention and policing/initiative programs across Michigan.

Northern Michigan will receive \$3,364,367 in Byrne Memorial Formula and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program grants and Local Law Enforcement Block grants for a one-year period beginning October 1.

"These are important programs that are making a difference in the lives of people in Northern Michigan," said Engler. "Not only do they teach children the dangers of drugs and violence, they also support law enforcement as they crack down on drug dealers who terrorize families and communities."

The grants focus on Community Policing, Juvenile Intervention, Family and Domestic Violence and Gang Task Force Strategies, D.A.R.E. programs, Drug Testing and Treatment for Juveniles and Adults, Multi-jurisdictional Task Forces, Money Laundering Task Forces, Prosecution, Youth Crime Prevention, and Computer Technology Strategies.

Byrne Memorial Formula Grants allocated to Crawford County-related concerns are as follows:

- The 46th Circuit Trial Court/County of Crawford will

receive \$63,180 for Drug Testing and Treatment for Juveniles and Adults to fund the CLEAN (Community, Liaison, Enforcement & Assistance Network) program which is designed to implement new services for alcohol and drug treatment for juveniles, families, and non-felony criminal offenders.

- The Strike Team Investigative Narcotic Group, a Multi-jurisdictional Task Force which operates in the counties of Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon, will receive \$248,163. It targets mid to upper level drug dealers and enforces drug offenses at all levels by disrupting the flow of narcotics.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grants allocated to Crawford County are as follows:

- \$60,058 for Youth Crime Prevention to fund a School Liaison officer to work with youth to prevent violence, truancy, and delinquent behavior.

- \$100,000 for Computer Technology Strategies to fund a project that will enable the users of the Crawford County criminal justice system to work electronically between one another, allowing speedy and accurate personnel, case, suspect, victim, and court information to be passed between the authorized users.

Roscommon County is also a grant recipient. The county will receive \$83,281 for Youth Crime Prevention to fund two sheriff deputies who will interact with juveniles in the local school systems and communities to address juvenile criminal behavior, violence, and gang-related activities.

All Byrne Memorial Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block grants are available for competitive grant awards to state and local governmental entities. Grants are administered by the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

CONTROLLING THE WATERS - Crawford County Sheriff's Marine Division Administrator Dave Krug said the weekend was "absolutely incredible" with very little problems on the AuSable River before, during, and after the marathon. "There was nothing out of the ordinary," Krug said. "The people were very well behaved."

Enter the state holiday tree search

With only a few months remaining until the lighting of the 1999 State Holiday Tree, the State will conclude its search for a tree on August 15. Since 1987, the State of Michigan and the Michigan Timberman's Association have conducted the holiday tree search, open to anyone who would like contribute a tree to decorate the front lawn of the State Capitol building.

To be considered, the tree must be a spruce, fir or Douglas fir; be at least 65 feet tall; have a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and a trunk diameter of no more than 30 inches; be reasonably close to roads for transport; and be available at no charge.

Housing Board appoints Wakeley Director/Inspector

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During the interview, Wakeley took a call from a housing manufacturer and discussed the specifications of a prospective home to be used as a replacement - a housing option in which the Crawford County Housing Commission has yet to be involved. "There are just some homes that are not worth sinking money into. Replacing that home is sometimes more affordable for the owner and more fiscally responsible than to repair it," he said.

Wakeley said he hopes to get involved with many programs foreign to the Commission, including Habitat for Humanity, and help some clients referred to him by the Family Independence Agency. "Things are changing around here. The Board is focused and there is a real goal now," he said.

To enter the holiday tree search send information, including a contact person, telephone number, location and specific information about the tree and, if possible, a photo of the tree, by August 15 to: Holiday Tree Selection, State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.

Transfer station in compliance

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling Township recently received word from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that the Township's Transfer Station is in compliance with Michigan Law.

The Grayling Township Transfer Station is located on North Down River Road. Grayling Township residents may use the facilities to dispose of household refuse, participate in an award-winning recycling program, and dispose of large household items by appointment and a small fee. Township residents pay

\$30 annually to use the facilities.

The station is currently the only official recycling center in the county. The recycling program was recently made available to other county residents for a fee of \$10 annually.

DEQ staff evaluated the station on April 13. A letter to Township Supervisor Terry Wright from DEQ Senior Environmental Engineer John J. Ozoga, III stated:

"The inspection revealed that the facility was in excellent condition. The facility operations appeared to be well maintained. No deficiencies were noted."

Community Cholesterol Screening

On Friday August 6th, District Health Department #10 in Grayling is taking appointments for people to have their cholesterol measured.

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Jim Brickley is one of the good guys

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A couple of weeks ago, Jim Brickley issued the sad news he will be resigning as justice of the Michigan supreme court because he has bone marrow cancer. That's one of the bad ones, and in Jim Brickley, it's getting one of the good ones.

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JIM BRICKLEY never got to be governor. He probably should have ... but carefully crafted plans for that to happen went astray.

When the late George Romney resigned as governor to join the Nixon cabinet in 1969, Lt. Gov. Bill Milliken became governor.

The president pro tem of the state senate, Sen. Tom Schweigert of Petoskey, became acting lieutenant governor for Gov. Milliken's bob-tail term.

But when Gov. Milliken ran on his own for the first time in 1970, he invited James Brickley to join his

ticket. They made an excellent team.

Four years later, Mr. Brickley opted out as lieutenant governor and became president of Eastern Michigan University. James Damman, an Oakland county hardware dealer, joined the Milliken team as lieutenant governor.

Four more years passed, and in 1978, James Brickley returned to the Milliken slate and won another term as lieutenant governor.

It was obvious that the succession plan was set: Jim Brickley was lined up to become governor when the long-serving Bill Milliken stepped aside.

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SURE ENOUGH, in 1982 Gov. Milliken announced his retirement, Lt. Gov. Brickley announced his candidacy for governor, and most of the Milliken team herded into the Brickley camp.

Other Republicans had other ideas. Conservative state Sen. Jack Welborn of Kalamazoo decided to run. So did Brooks Patterson, Oakland county prosecutor (now Oakland county administrator).

And so did insurance executive Dick Headlee, who gained statewide recognition with his tax-limiting Headlee Amendment.

At campaign outset, Jim Brickley was favored, but Dick Headlee upset the plan, beating the Brickley team by 25,000 votes in the primary. Mr. Patterson ran a respectable third, 15,000 more votes behind, and Mr. Welborn was lost in the dust.

Democrats, meanwhile, found a lot of candidates wanted a crack at the first race for governor in 20 years without a Republican incumbent.

U.S. Rep. James Blanchard swamped a field that included for-

mer candidates Zolton Ferency and Bill Fitzgerald, State Sens. Kerry Kammer, Ed Pierce and David Plawewski, and outsider John Safran.

In the general election, Mr. Blanchard breezed past Mr. Headlee by almost 200,000 votes, and began his own mini-dynasty, ended by an underdog state senator, John Engler, in 1990.

So Jim Brickley's hopes for the governor's office were lost in the electoral flurry of 1982, probably as much as anything a victim of identity with the outgoing incumbent Gov. Milliken and the resultant theme of "time for a change" -- any change.

Days before he left office, a grateful Gov. Milliken appointed his trusted lieutenant to a Supreme Court vacancy in December 1982.

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IT'S ALWAYS fascinating to play the "what if" game.

What if Jim Brickley had won that 1982 primary for governor like he was supposed to ... would Jim Blanchard have become governor?

And if there had been no Gov. Blanchard in 1982, would there have been a Gov. Engler in 1990?

Review of history always can be helpful, and a couple of turn-of-the-century political hopefuls might heed what happened to Jim Brickley in 1982.

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumous might note that being the designate heir to a long-serving governor is not always the magic it could be.

And Vice President Al Gore might meet a buzz saw of voter longing for change that helped dash the Brickley-Milliken plan of 1982.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Testing the waters near public beaches needed

To the editor,

It used to be that the main concern about a family trip to one of Michigan's many public beaches was making sure everyone's head remained above water, or at least bobbed up for air now and then.

But, recent years have brought numerous beach closings in Michigan that signal a new concern: contaminant levels that make some beaches health hazards, and can cause symptoms like pinkeye, rashes and stomach problems. The most common sources of contamination are storm water run-off and combined sewer/storm water overflows.

Not only can contaminated beaches cause health problems, but they also threaten local economies dependent on the people who swarm the beaches on warm summer days. One day in late June,

nearly half of the public beaches in Oakland County were closed. According to EPA figures, last year beaches were closed or advisories were issued 228 times in Michigan, despite the fact that only 12 of the 41 counties that border on the Great Lakes regularly monitor their beaches. Also, there are no consistent standards for contaminant levels nor is there a single source for information on beach conditions throughout the state.

On Earth Day in April, legislation passed in the U.S. House that would set national standards for beach water quality, provide funding for states to monitor beaches and require notification when the water is unsafe. The legislation is co-sponsored by Michigan Representatives Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing), Dale Kildee (D-Flint),

David Bonior (D-Mt.Clemens) and Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor). That bill is currently in the U.S. Senate and awaiting action by the Environment and Public Works Committee.

There was also a failed effort recently in the Michigan House by Rep. Deborah Cherry (D-Burton) to have an amendment inserted into the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's budget that would create an accessible electronic database detailing conditions of beaches throughout the state. Michigan environmentalists have also called for the use of a portion of the \$675 million Clean Michigan bond, approved by voters last year, to clean up fouled beaches.

Jeff Garrity
Michigan Environmental Council
Lansing

Pets are a worthy investment

To the editor,

As a result of the last two letters to the editor about spaying and neutering I have written, I have received numerous phone calls from people asking if I am aware of the cost of veterinary care.

Yes, as the owner of six dogs, six cats, three horses, two guinea pigs, one hamster, fish and a fox, I am well aware of the cost of owning pets. The vast majority of my menagerie were compliments of the Animal Shelter. All twelve cats and dogs are spayed and neutered.

Again, when making a decision to own a pet one should take the cost of care into consideration and expect to have those expenses for approximately 15 years. My six dogs eat 50 pounds of food every two weeks.

Feeding a good brand of food (not generic loaded with fat), has

a significant impact on the health of your pet just as a well balanced diet has for you. Food for my dogs, is about \$45.00 per month.

Yearly vaccinations are going to run you around \$125 per pet. Spaying or neutering has a one time cost of about \$125 dependent on the size of your pet. That is less than \$10 per year of your pet's life.

Spayed and neutered animals get fewer cancers and are less apt to be hit by cars, etc., saving you dollars. Let's see, that's about \$10 per month per animal for food, \$120 per year; \$125 for annual vaccinations and check ups, and about \$10 per year to be spayed or neutered.

That averages out to about \$250 per year to own your pet barring any unforeseen accidents or illnesses. Of course, there are going to be some.

Elderly pets usually need some extra medical care just as we do when we get older. They catch viruses and eat things they shouldn't just as we do. They are a responsibility, but no amount of money could buy the love and devotion they give us.

Yes, I do know the costs involved with pet ownership. I also know the great love and companionship I have received from mine over the years.

I lost two geriatric pets (16 years) this last year and have four more who are elderly. I do not look forward to their time on this earth ending even though I know there will be more who will need me.

Each of them is special to me and cannot be replaced.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling

Kennedy legacy - pain into hope, tragedy into triumph Health Dept. still committed

To the editor,

I remember when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I remember it as one of the most somber days in my young life and the life of the nation. It tore the hearts right from our breasts as if one of our own was shot down. He was part of the American Family for those of us alive at the time. He cast a vision of the future that not only inspired Bill Clinton's and my generation, but inspired freedom all

over the globe. It was a genuine international event that caused the ships in all harbors of the globe to cast their flags at half staff and in most nations of the world. He was beloved and a truly inspiring individual that challenged us young and old, because we all wept together that day.

The image of JohnJohn giving that last final salute to his father and our fallen hero will forever live in the hearts of all American. Now we

are faced with the great promise of John Jr., the victim of a senseless tragedy, also gone too soon. The more I hear all the news reports the more I recognize he was not a superficial celebrity but John Jr. was becoming all that which embodied his dad. It was the JFK all of us knew. He was the prince of Camelot, almost ready to reclaim his ties to royalty with his beautiful bride.

Whatever your faith we should all extract something from this moment. Turning tragedy into tri-

umph and pain into hope should be the Kennedy Legacy. I am somewhat reminded of the Challenger tragedy and young Christa McAuliffe.

Let us remember them for what they inspired in all of us through living and see beyond these tragedies. Let us celebrate life together and not fail to appreciate each other. It is truly a time to count our blessings as we mourn together.

Theodore P. Gomez
Frederic

To the editor,

The Board of Health and administrative staff of District Health Department #10 would like to assure the citizens of our communities of the commitment to its mission of providing health for all citizens through prevention, intervention and control of diseases and environmental hazards.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and Managed Care have caused your local health care providers, including local public health departments, financial difficulties. It is truly unfortunate when circumstances beyond local control have a direct impact on your community services and your public health staff.

We are extremely proud of our employees who have accepted a reduction in compensation and benefits and continue to provide the highest quality service to our communities.

Although the Health Department had to make some hard decisions on a couple of programs, we continue to provide the following programs: Communicable Disease, Hearing & Vision Screening/Schools, Immunizations, Cholesterol/Senior Screening, Family Planning

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Infant Support Service
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Children's Special Health Care Service
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Septic & Well Permits
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Various other county-specific programs
Other Environmental Protection Programs

As events unfold into the future, District Health Department #10, through the commitment to its mission and the dedicated commitment of its staff, can assure you local Public Health Services will continue to be there for your public health needs.

Anyone who has questions regarding local public health programs should contact their local health department at (517) 348-7800. As always, the public health staff strive to provide a high quality service to our residents

Don Halvorsen, Chair
District Health Dept. #10
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Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Phone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of Letters to the Editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Sheriff offers one-day boating school

The Marine Division of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will hold a complimentary Boating Safety School, Saturday, July 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Participants should be at least 12 years old. Upon successful completion of the school participants will receive a Michigan Boating Safety School Certificate. Persons operating personal watercraft born after December 31, 1978 are required to obtain a certificate to be within the law. Bring a lunch and drink for the lunch break. To register call (517) 348-4616, ext. 345.

Michelson Memorial hosts luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host a soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon on Thursday, August 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's all you can eat for \$4.50 per person. Take out available. All are welcome.

Lovells Twp. Historical Society to meet

The Lovells Township Historical Society will hold their annual meeting Saturday, August 7 at 1 p.m. at the North Branch Outing Club. Included will be "Reminiscences Since 1938," a presentation by George Brand, Jr. There will also be a progress report on plans for display building next to museum by Chuck Gillece. A short business meeting will be held, museum sales items will be available and annual dues are payable that day. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Retired Federal Employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet on Thursday, August 5 at Michelson Memorial Church, 400 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., with the business meeting starting around 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses.

Kids invited to Vacation Bible School

Grayling Free Methodist Church invites children, kindergarten through 6th grade, to Vacation Bible School's *Son Castle Faire*, to be held August 9-13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call 348-9093.

Retired state employees plan picnic

North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirement Association, will hold their annual picnic Tuesday, August 3 at 1 p.m. at the Houghton Lake Community Building. Bring table service and a dish to pass. Chapter will furnish chicken, coffee, and iced tea. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited to attend.

Local women bowlers plan meeting

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association will meet Wednesday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the American Legion. All WIBC bowlers are urged to attend. For information, call Kary Moshier at 348-7118.

Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions' Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for week #10 is Larry Davis.

Vietnam missionaries to speak Sunday

Missionaries Bob and Evelyn McCoy will be sharing stories about their ministry in Vietnam at Heritage Baptist Church on Hartwick Pines Road, Sunday, August 1 at 11 a.m. The McCoy's will speak about such endeavors as deaf ministries and animal/agricultural projects to assist Vietnamese farm families. All are invited to attend.

Free sports physicals to be offered at GHS

Free physical exams for all Crawford AuSable School District athletes will be held on Wednesday, August 4, at Grayling High School.

Physicals for all high school athletes will be held at 7 p.m., followed by middle school athlete physicals at 8 p.m.

Students must bring a completed Athletic Medical Treatment Consent form with them to the physicals. Forms are available at the CASD central office on Michigan Avenue or at Grayling High School.

Any student interested in participating in a sport for the upcoming school year is encouraged to get a physical at this time.

This is the only time physicals will be offered through the school district.

There is no charge for this service.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Paul and Traci (Reed) Baker announce the birth of their daughter Baylee Lane Baker, 4 lbs, 6 oz. She was born at Saginaw General Hospital, July 20 at 10:14 p.m.

Visiting over the week-end at the home of Jack and Joan Rasmussen were Joel and Eileen Rasmussen of Grand Rapids and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dudley. Joel and Eileen and her parents all took part in running the one mile race and Joel the 10 K.

Visiting at the home of his sister, Joy Rasmussen were Jason and Wendy Rasmussen and daughters of Bay City.

Melissa Rasmussen was a guest of Devon Bobenmoyer for a week.

Mesack interns for Camp



Photo courtesy of Rep. Dave Camp

D.C. INTERNSHIP - Rep. Dave Camp, R-Midland, (right) meets in his Capitol Hill office with Greg Mesack (left) of Grayling. Mesack graduated in May from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and served as Camp's congressional intern this summer in Washington, D.C.

KCC looking for young ambassadors

Who are Yes Ambassadors? YES Ambassadors are a diverse group of young people between the ages of 18-25. They have a demonstrated commitment to service and they understand the power of youth to positively impact serious social problems.

The Michigan Community Service Commission announced it will be hosting a Points of Light Foundation "Youth Engaged in Service" (YES) Ambassador for the 1999-2000 year.

The Commission is currently seeking young people who want to make a one year commitment. Ambassadors will receive full benefits, travel expenses, and an annual salary of \$20,000.

Applications are currently being accepted for YES Ambassadors. The Kirtland Volunteer Action Center has

information on the application process and can be reached at (517) 275-7023.

Applicants should be interested in building and supporting youth leadership, and helping organizations and institutions to develop youth service, service learning and youth leadership programs.

The Kirtland Volunteer Action Center is always seeking volunteers to fill a variety of volunteer jobs in various public and private agencies in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon counties. Anyone interested in a volunteer opportunity can contact the Kirtland Volunteer Action Center at the number above or toll-free at 1-877-331-2333.

Visit their web page at: www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~volunteer/

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There are many options for Girl Scout volunteering -- you can train other adults, be a troop leader or assistant troop leader, a program aid, a consultant, lead workshops, chaperone weekend trips, work on fund raising and special events, teach girls about your culture and so much more.

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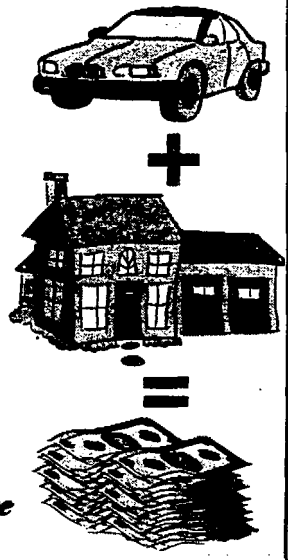
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THURS 29	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am to 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •SINGLES, at 123 Lake St., Prudenville at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions you can call Betty at 821-8529.
FRI 30	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 31	•SINGLE ADULTS CANOE TRIP & PONTOON TRIP THROUGH INLAND WATERS. Canoeing down the AuSable River beginning at Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery & Bed & Breakfast in Grayling starts at 9:00 a.m. Bring a cooler with lunch and beverages is advised. Special rates have been obtained for this event - \$28.00 per canoe with two or three passengers. The group will leave from Gaylord Evangelical Church at 8:15 a.m. Call in reservations to 732-2647 or 732-3617.
SUN 1	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 2	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 3	•AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 p.m. •ADHD parent's support group meeting, 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 p.m. Call (517) 732-3529 for more info. •GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING AL-ANON MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Call Thelma H. 344-2043 for info.
WED 4	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •AUSABLE QUILT GUILD meeting @ St. John's Church, 10 a.m.

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The Bible Speaks

Public Swearing

Standish, Michigan made the national news a few weeks ago when a 25-year-old Detroit computer programmer was found guilty of breaking a state law against swearing in public in front of children. The relevance of the issue was well stated by the prosecutor, Richard Vollbach, who argued that while such language may be acceptable in New York or Los Angeles, the jury should decide whether they wanted that language in their small town, which is about 120 miles (190 km) north of Detroit. "If repeatedly screaming the 'f-word' at least 25 times in front of your children isn't indecent or vulgar, what is," Vollbach said.

The Bible says, (Ephesians 5:12) "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Yet today, in the name of the first amendment, sexual filth is publicly belabored without shame or remorse. In fact, the above "cussing canoeist" and his party claimed innocence as a first amendment right, and were defended by an A.C.L.U. lawyer.

Where are the women's rights defenders? Most of the sexual swearing in question publicly slanders women's sexual bedroom practice. A woman giving birth following illicit sex is branded a female dog. Sexual incest between a

woman and her son was the slang term repeated by the "cussing canoeist." Isn't this publicly degrading to women? It certainly does nothing to magnify motherhood.

Not only does most swearing dishonor motherhood, but it dishonors God. The third commandment forbids swearing or cursing in God's name (Exodus 20:7) "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Using God's name in vain was a capital offense for the Jews in the Old Testament. (Leviticus 24:11-16). Swearing is normally associated with those guilty of other evils as well. (Hosea 4:2) "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." Swearing is a public manifestation of both increased criminality and incivility in our national character.

God also holds the innocent hearer responsible to help stop such public degradation. (Leviticus 5:1) "And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity." (Proverbs 29:24) "Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and

betrayeth it not." Why do such people publicly curse and swear using language which blasphemes God, and dishonors motherhood? Obviously, they don't know God as their Father, or Jesus Christ as their savior, or they wouldn't dishonor the precious names of God in public. By the same token, Christians do not speak lightly or casually about illicit or incestuous sexual relations. Those guilty of such sins need to be given the gospel of Jesus Christ and experience God's love in their hearts and lives. They need their heart changed before their mouth will change. (Luke 6:45)

Finally, Christians should set good public examples in this area. (James 3:10) "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Singles to canoe and pontoon area waters

Northern Michigan Singles invite Christian people of all faiths to participate in their canoe and pontoon outings.

On July 31, canoe down the AuSable River beginning at Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery and Bed & Breakfast in Grayling, starting at 9 a.m.

The canoe party paddle along the

river, proceeding to Canoe Camp for lunch. Bringing a cooler with lunch and beverages is advised.

After the lunch, the canoeists will enter the premiere fly fishing area, commonly known as the "Holy Waters" for its catch and release policy, as well as for its natural beauty.

Special rates have been obtained

for this event — \$28 per canoe with two or three passengers. The group will leave from the Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord at 8:15 a.m. It is imperative that those interested call in reservations to (517) 732-2647 or (517) 732-3617.

On August 7, pontoon down the Inland Waterway. Pontoons are limited in numbers and will be assigned on a first-come, first-pay basis. The group will depart from the Evangelical Free Church at 8:30 a.m. that day. Cost per person is \$15 and should be sent by July 30 to NMS, P.O. Box 493, Gaylord, MI 49734

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I planted the bulbs in the spring. A novice gardener, each morning and each evening, I surveyed the little garden space, eager for growth and change. Green blades appeared and grew... and grew, but no flower. Continuing the daily vigil, I soon became puzzled, then discouraged. "I don't think I planted them upside-down...or did I?"

Just about the time all seemed lost, there appeared an orchid, falling from the green blades of the mystery plant. The delicate and elegant white orchid with a ruby throat, standing tall and proud, proved to me that in God's sight, there are no "late bloomers." Each creation of God blooms in its own good time. Perhaps we humans are the only creatures that question the Creator's plan for our lives.

Worship this week. Learn of God's plan for your life. Meditate upon God's Word as He has revealed His will to us. Remember, everything happens all in GOD time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah 30:1-11	Jeremiah 30:12-24	Jeremiah 31:23-40	Jeremiah 32:26-44	Galatians 3:15-4:7	Galatians 4:8-20	Galatians 4:21-31

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Rialto Theatre changes hands, but stays in the family

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After spending eight years as the manager of a Blockbuster video store in Coral Springs, Florida, Greg Stancil has come home to Grayling to take ownership of the historic Rialto Theatre along with brother, Geoffrey Bichler.

The 36-year old Stancil said he grew up working in the theatre previously owned by his uncle and aunt, George and Marilyn Stancil. "They have done an exemplary job of keeping the theatre in its original design," the younger Stancil said. Except for the marquis installed in 1940, a new screen in 1998, paint, and some new seating, the theatre remains the same as it did on July 22, 1930 when it reopened after a fire destroyed the original structure in April of that same year.

The Rialto has been "in the family" for over 80 years and is one of the oldest, continuously family-operated theatres remaining in the United States. Only a handful remain untouched by large corporate takeovers.

Originally known as the Grayling Opera House, the theatre was founded in 1911 by George N. Olson, George Stancil's grandfather. Olson was manager of the facility that featured live shows and a few silent movies. In May 1915, Olson purchased the business and operated the theatre through the 1920s showing silent films, accompanied on the piano by his wife, until sound or "talkies" were introduced in 1929.

The fire that destroyed the original structure (also housing the Masonic Temple) took place during a full house performance. Olson was the only one injured, suffering burns when he tried to reach the pro-

jectionist who had already escaped through a window. A little more than four months later, the Rialto reopened.

In the early 1930s, Olson and his brother, Waldemar, founded Olson Theatres, a chain that included the Rialto as well as theatres in Houghton Lake, Gaylord, West Branch and others throughout northern and central Michigan.

In the mid-1950s, Olson's daughter, Georgiana, and her husband, Thomas Stancil, took over the Rialto and management of the owner until 1982 when it was purchased by their son George and his wife, Marilyn.

"I have worked in the theatre since I was a child in the mid-50s until now," said George. "The Rialto is a community resource and a long tradition in our family."

"People come from all over and are amazed at the frescoes and want to touch them," Marilyn said. The relief art has adorned the lobby and other areas of the theatre for nearly 70 years.

With a change in ownership comes plans for improvements. Greg said there are plans to upgrade the sound system, computerize the concession stand and box office, put on a new coat of paint and do some "re-furbishing." There is also talk of expanding to include another screen.

Although George has dedicated many hours to the Rialto, he describes his involvement as part-time because of his full-time position at Cornell Insurance Agency. "Greg will be here full-time and the community will benefit because of it."

"Even though we hope to make improvements, we still want to provide affordable entertainment for the



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ALL IN THE FAMILY - Greg Stancil (left) stands proudly in front of the theatre he acquired from his aunt and uncle, Marilyn and George Stancil. Greg will manage the Rialto on a full time basis, in partnership with brother Geoffrey Bichler (not shown).

community," said Greg. "We want to remain up-front in the community, so parents can bring their kids and not worry."

The new owner said he and his

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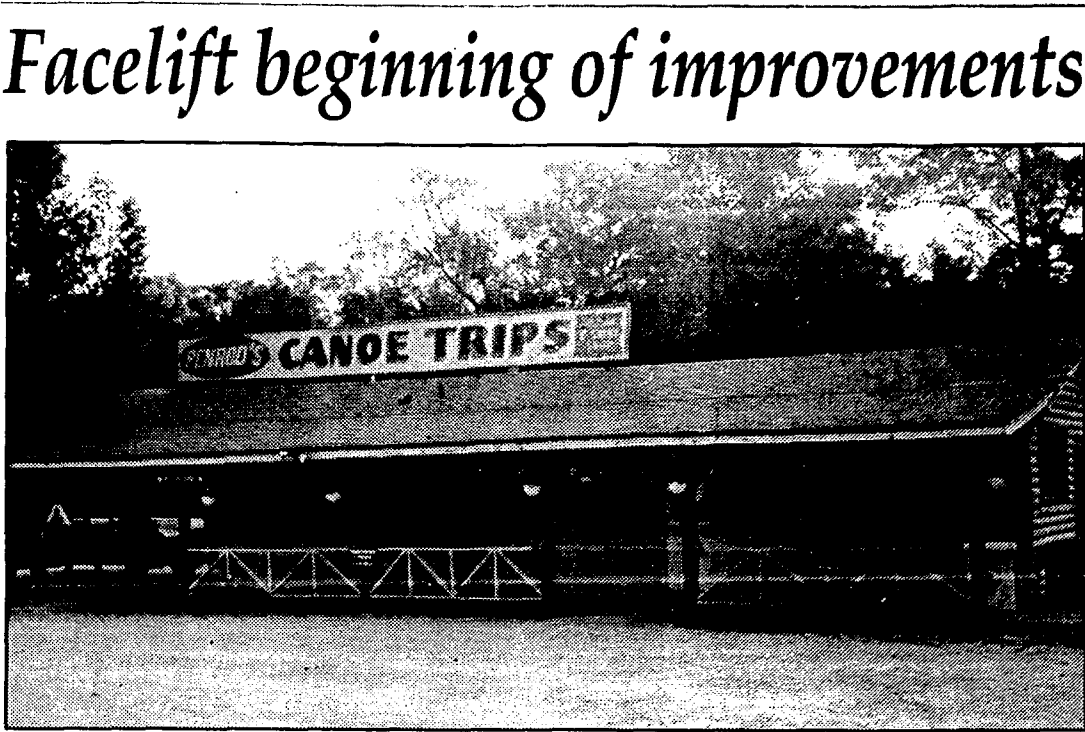


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HOOPSY DAISY - Crawford County Chair Lynnette Corlew takes a shot at winning a party with the Pistons during Hoop-Fest, a fund raiser for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's new building project.



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a.m. to 5 p.m.

These quilt in-gatherings will take place at the Interlochen Public Library's Golden Fellowship Hall on Riley Road just west of 137 and two miles south of the light at Interlochen Corners from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Quilts need not be completed to be entered. At the in-gathering, each

entrant will be asked to fill out a form about her quilt/quilts.

Registered quilts will then be taken home and brought to the Oleson Center on the night before the show, October 15, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. for hanging; and picked up on October 16 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The show will feature six judged categories and donor's choice best of show plus door prizes, demonstrations, lunch by the NMC Culinary Arts Department, vendors and a king-sized quilt raffle. For further information, call Ruth Ann Carter, (231) 275-5096, or Deb Yezbak, (231) 943-3504.

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Casting for Recovery comes to AuSable

by Susan Warrington
 Staff Writer

On Friday evening, July 16, twenty women met at Gates AuSable Lodge east of Grayling to participate in the Casting for Recovery of Michigan program.

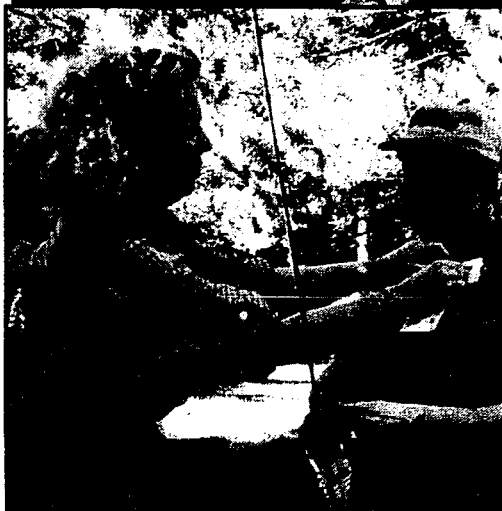
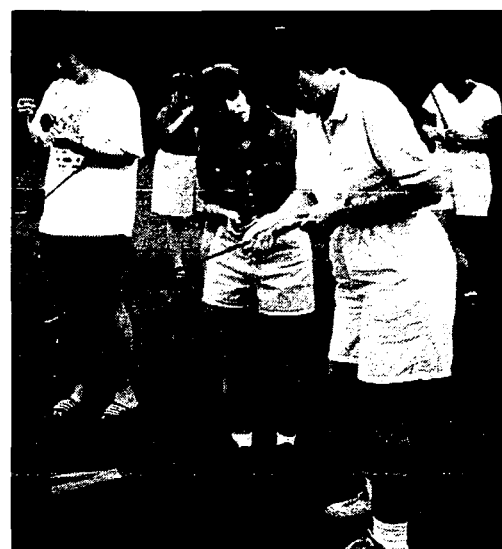
This is a nationally recognized not-for-profit flyfishing program that provides an opportunity for women with breast cancer to experience physical and emotional healing through retreats.

The Casting for Recovery program started in Vermont under the auspices of the Orvis Company and is gradually spreading across the United States.

Debra Sikkema, of Grand Rapids, is the dynamo behind this program in Michigan. She trained as a concert pianist at Juilliard and has performed for President Ford, Newt Gingrich and the Doles. She has cut back her career as a pianist to three days a week so that she can spend time organizing this program for the women of Michigan.

The program originally covered only western Michigan, but Sikkema said that she feels the program is so important and helpful that this year she has set up two of these weekends.

Although she has not suffered from breast cancer, she has seen that breast cancer sufferers need time to heal, friends who can understand what they have gone through, and friends who can show them that a recurrence is not necessarily fatal. Sikkema has been a fly-fisher



HOW-TO FISHING - (clockwise from upper left) Jodi Erickson supervising putting the reel on the rod; Debra Sikkema demonstrates knot tying; Sikkema helps with last minute preparations; Judy Walle helps puzzled participant on the river.

since she was a young girl and said that this wonderful, gentle sport gets the participants outdoors, provides healthful and helpful exercise, and

allows them to heal psychically.

Sikkema always has enough volunteers at a clinic so that the ratio of volunteers to participants is about one to two. Jodi Erickson, an Orvis trained Instructor who has taught these retreats for four years, conducted the sessions that dealt with fishing. Orvis loans, rods, reels, and waders to the participants for the retreat.

Jane Rolf, helping for the second time and Terry Gremmel, a newcomer, both clinical nurse specialists at Munson Medical, helped provide medical assistance and emotional stability for the participants. Gremmel, a fly-fisher also provided help on the stream.

Judy McGann, a second time volunteer, owns a fly-fishing business in Frankenmuth. She met Sikkema at a flyfishing convention where Sikkema had set up a booth to help promote this program.

Rusty Gates, owner of Gates AuSable Lodge, where the retreat took place, recommended Carol Robb of Lansing and Judy Walle of Toledo, Ohio as two excellent fly-fishers who are very familiar with the AuSable, as is Sikkema. Both Robb and Walle are first time volunteers and were very impressed with the program.

Robb said she would definitely volunteer to help again. Walle hopes to set up this program in the Toledo area.

The 13 women, who signed up for the retreat at Gates, spent Saturday learning the basics of fly-fishing - how to put the rod together and attach the reel, tying basic knots, the differences between dry flies (they float) and wet flies (they don't) and how to wade.

Saturday evening the women met around the campfire to discuss, with the clinical staff, anything that was on their minds. They also made

"prayer" flags containing any message that they would like to have float freely in the wind. When they got up Sunday morning, they found their flags, and those of participants of earlier years, blowing in the morning breezes.

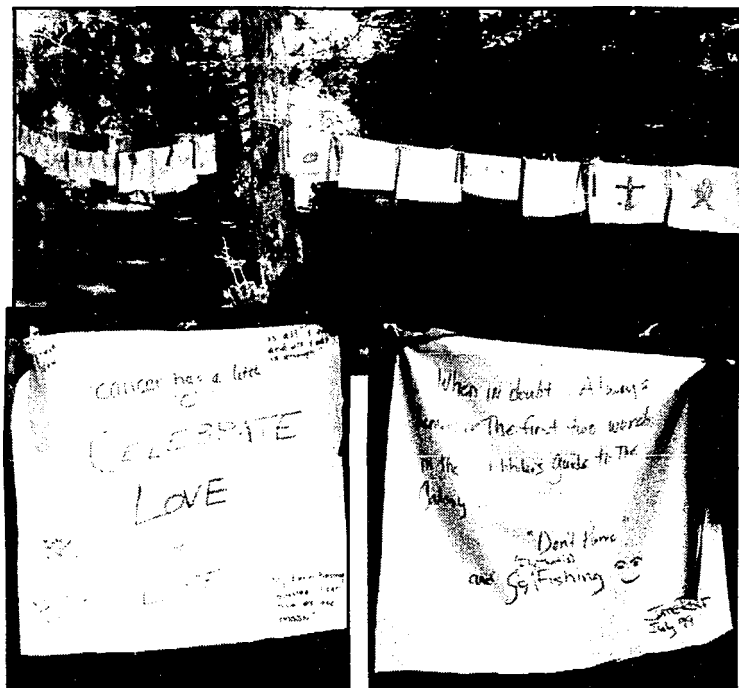
Sunday morning, with instructions by Erickson and demonstrations by Walle, the participants learned how to present their dry fly to the fish, whether upstream or downstream. They then waded into the AuSable and began their chase of the elusive trout.

In the early afternoon, they repeated the exercise, but this time they were using wet flies. In the later part of the afternoon, they gathered together for a graduation ceremony.

The women, who were strangers on Friday, had formed some very close friendships by Sunday afternoon. They had a stress free weekend and learned a new skill. Sikkema said that based on previous retreats she has organized, 20 - 25 percent of the women will continue to fly-fish and join organizations such as Trout Unlimited or the Fly Fishing Federation.

All of these women have had relatively recent battles with cancer involving either a lumpectomy or mastectomy. One of these women has even endured a second bout with breast cancer. They came from all over lower Michigan - Royal Oak, Grand Rapids, Roscommon, Traverse City, to name just a few cities.

The fee for participating in the retreat is \$50. Anyone interested in learning more about Casting for Recovery of Michigan or participating in the next retreat, to be held August 20-22 at the Johnson Lodge on the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin, should contact Debra Sikkema at (616) 457-1185.



PRAYER FLAGS - Prayer flags from this and earlier retreats were on display Sunday.

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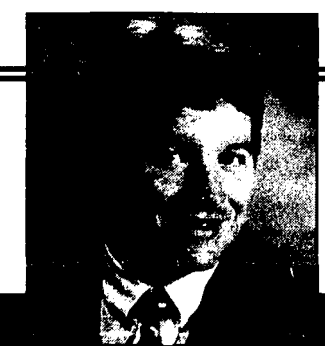


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SAFETY PATROL – These Northflight EMS bike medics were found patrolling the City Park on Saturday. With Grayling's streets filled to capacity, the medics had an easy time getting around on bicycles during the canoe marathon festivities. The young men said that the day had been pretty uneventful, treating only one patient for a bee sting. They also kept an eye on parade participants for signs of heat exhaustion. Bicycles courtesy of The Bicycle Shop in Grayling.

August is Children's Health and Immunization Month

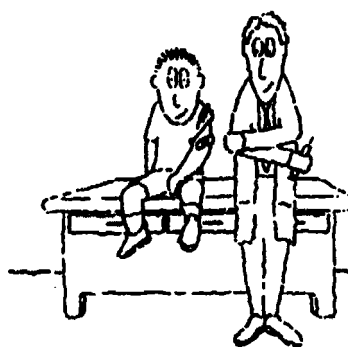
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It is recommended that children receive vaccinations at birth, two months, four months, six months, 12 - 18 months and before they begin school.

As of January 2000, children 15 months to 5 years of age will be required to show proof of immunity from chicken pox. As of January 2002, children entering new school districts will be required to show proof of immunity from chicken pox.



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Diabetes Support Group

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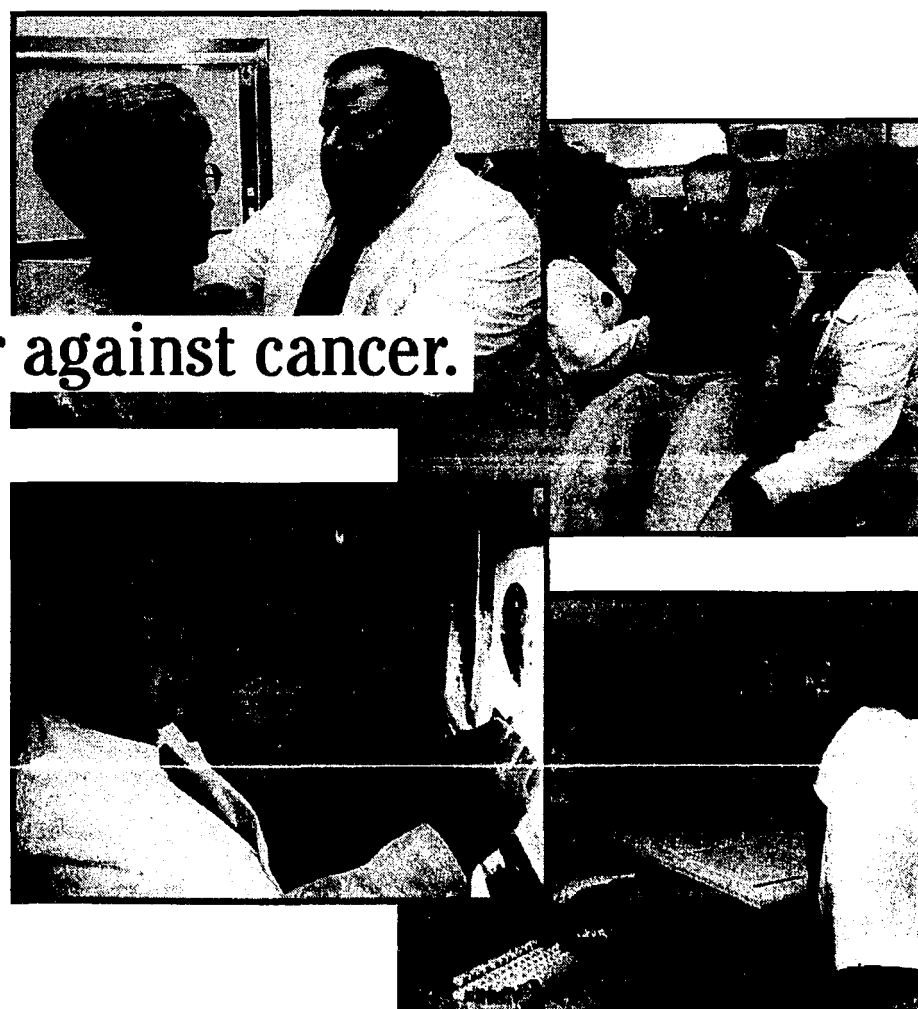
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Stabenow lauded as fighter for senior benefits



SENIOR SUPPORTER – Max Richtman, Vice President of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, presents Debbie Stabenow with red boxing gloves in recognition of her fight on behalf of seniors.(June 21, 1999)

Vice President of the Senate candidate and current National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Max Richtman, presented Monday in recognition of

her fight on behalf of Michigan's senior citizens to protect Social Security and Medicare.

"Debbie Stabenow has been on the front line of the Social Security battle in Congress," Richtman said. "We need more Debbie Stabenows in Congress to fight to protect Social Security for the seniors of today and tomorrow."

Stabenow has a 100 percent voting record on the issues of importance to the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

"I believe protecting Social Security and Medicare should be our top priority," Stabenow said. "We must protect

Social Security and Medicare first, before using the budget surpluses for other purposes. We don't need legislative gimmicks, we need fiscal discipline.

If we don't act to save Social Security and Medicare during good economic times, when will we ever do it?

"I am proud to be recognized for my efforts to fight on the side of senior citizens, but I won't feel any real sense of satisfaction until Congress insures the solvency of Social Security not only for the senior citizens of today, but also the baby boomer generation as they reach retirement age," Stabenow said.

Elderly advised to take precautions during hot weather

Health care officials at Grand Traverse Pavilions caution older adults to take extraordinary precautions to remain hydrated and cool in the hot, humid weather that is blistering the region.

Older adults must be aware of the length of time that they are exposed to the rays of the sun and they should make sure that they are getting lots of extra fluids, according to Carolyn Douglass, executive director of clinical services for Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Douglass said that there are also several practical steps to take to avoid the ravages of the heat: (1) don't go out in the middle of the day;

(2) do necessary activities only, and do them in the morning; (3) drink lots of extra fluids; (4) make sure to cover your head; (5) stay in shady areas; (6) use plenty of sun screen; (7) do not wear heavy, restrictive clothing; (8) seek out cool environments - places where fans and air conditioning are operational; (9) avoid salty foods or refreshments that will deplete the body of electrolytes; and (10) use common sense.

She said it is extremely important to remember that some medications will make an individual extra sensitive to sunlight.

She also strongly advises that older adults and their caregivers watch for

signs of dehydration - cracked lips, dry skin, dry mucous membranes, poor skin turgor, thirst, and changes in mental status, confusion.

"Some older adults cannot tell you that they are thirsty, because they are cognitively unable to communicate. Caregivers must pay close attention to their needs in hot weather," she said.

If individuals are experiencing any of these dehydration symptoms, or if they have any questions regarding medications or problems with the heat, Douglass said they should immediately contact their physician or health care provider. Caregivers should do the same.

New COA King & Queen chosen at Senior Center



Photo courtesy of Nova Anderson

SENIOR ROYALTY – Ellen Christian (right) was named Queen and Jerry Zinzo (left) was named King at the Commission on Aging's annual Ice Cream Social and Dance held the July 20 at the Senior Center on Lawndale Street in Grayling.

Health insurance help available for seniors

Are you a senior citizen having trouble sorting through the maze of Medicare and Medicaid? There is help available - the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program. The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging has available volunteers who are trained specialists in the areas of Medicare and Medicaid health insurance issues. Health insurance counselors are trained and certified in the various aspects of health insurance and problem resolution that is geared towards assisting senior citizens. The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging provides the training.

Seniors can access these services or general information on Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, Long-term care insurance, etc., by calling the MMAP hotline at (800) 803-7174, ext. 258. Follow the instructions on the recording and someone will return your call to assist you. In addition, counselors are available at local senior centers on an appointment basis.

The Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program is available in all twelve counties of Northeast Michigan; however, new volunteers are needed particularly in Alcona, Arenac, Cheboygan, and Iosco. The MMAP program has been helping seniors since 1984.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this rewarding program can leave a message on the hotline recording and the program coordinator will call with more information.

Crawford County Commission on Aging

308 Lawndale Dr., Grayling, MI

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - Bridge Club 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 4:00 - Kitchen Band Practice 5:30 - "Hangman"	3 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - "R&R"	4 <u>Hearing Clinic</u> 9:30 - 4:30 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	5 	6 <u>Sunday Brunch</u> Aug. 1st from 10-1 Waffles 1:00 Pantry Bingo 7th Annual and picnic from 1 to 4 games & good stuff to eat
9 <u>Share Sign-Up</u> 10 to 2 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - Bridge Club 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 4:00 - Kitchen Band 5:30 - "Hangman"	10 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	11 Commodities at the Eagles 9:30 to 10:30 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - Birthday Dinner	12 BP's Taken 11-noon <u>Foot Clinic</u> by Appointment	13 12:00 - Frederic Satellite 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 15 Pancake Brunch 10-1
16 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 4:00 - Kitchen Band 5:30 - "Hangman"	17 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Beach Party Dance	18 <u>Hearing Clinic</u> 9:30 - 4:30 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	19 	20 12:00 - Lovette Satellite 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help ***** 22 <u>Sunday Potluck</u> 2 p.m. - Bring a dish to pass & tableware
23 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 4:00 - Kitchen Band 5:30 - "Hangman"	24 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Dominoes	25 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - "Ellie Mae's" Country-Western Dance	26 BP's Taken 11 to Noon ***Go Out To Lunch*** Gang to Cadillac Leave at 11 a.m.	27 <u>Share Pick-Up</u> 1:30 - 3 at FLDS Church 1:30 - Pantry Bingo Hot Dog Sale at 10:00 Friday & Saturday No Parking Day Leave at 10:30 ***** 28 ***** 29 ***** Bring a dish to pass & tableware
30 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 4:00 - Kitchen Band 5:30 - "Hangman"	31 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia			

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OBITUARIES

David W. Bearss

David W. Bearss, 86, of Frederic, died July 14 at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Mr. Bearss was born June 26, 1913 in Casnovia to Ira and Mina (Muma) Bearss. He married Elida Johnson, December 24, 1935 in Grand Rapids. Mr. Bearss was the head electrician at Camp Grayling for 10 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Frederic. He also enjoyed fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Elida; four sons, Richard (Donna) Bearss of Phoenix, Arizona, John (Carole) Bearss of Alexandria, Virginia, Chuck (Becky) Bearss of Palm Coast, Florida, Dave (Diane) Bearss of Saginaw; five grandchildren, Rick Bearss, Heidi Bearss, Jeremy (Jenny) Bearss, Amanda Bearss, Alyssa Bearss; one great-grandchild, Jonathan Bearss; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 17 at the First Baptist Church of Frederic with Reverend Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Card of Thanks

Thank you, thank you to all the friends of Jackie Prieskorn, who passed away on July 3, 1999.

All of my family are truly grateful for all the prayers and kindness shown by you wonderful people at a very trying time in our lives. We were very comforted by your cards and words when we needed them most.

Love shown through at a time when we needed all the love and understanding we could get.

Thank you all again.

The Harry Prieskorn family

Madelyn Kessler

Madelyn (Billie) Kessler, 80, of Grayling, died June 27.

Mrs. Kessler was born September 2, 1918. She was a long time resident of Grayling.

She was preceded in death by husbands John Faunt, Frank Belmont and G. Jerome Kessler.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sharon (Tony) Beck; grandchildren, Mary (Joseph) Johnston, Daniel (Susan) McKillop, James (Noreen) McKillop, Kerry (John) Gillespie; ten great grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Potter and Lois Mayotte; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling on Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m. Family members and friends are invited to attend the service and a luncheon afterward at the church social hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either St. Mary's or a charity of your choice in her memory.

E. Muriel Sloan

E. Muriel Sloan, a retired seamstress for Bear Archery Company died Monday, July 19, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Florida.

A native of Walton, West Virginia, she spent many years in Grayling before moving to Dunnellon, Florida, 27 years ago. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Sloan and her daughter, Dorla Arndt.

Survivors include: one son, Duane (Jeanie) Sloan of Dunnellon, Florida; one sister, Josephine Dennis of Gladwin; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Several grandchildren live in the Grayling area.

Anderson and Harmon to wed



Rick and Nova Anderson of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter Brandy to Tom Harmon, son of Roger and Margaret Harmon of Mayville. The couple will exchange their vows on October 23, 1999.

MERCY BIRTHS

Randy and Theresa Weber of Grayling announce the arrival of Alexqander Coleman Weber born July 3.

Charles Conley and Nannette York of Grayling announce the arrival of Denez LeeShawn Conley born July 3.

Kevin Bolser and Jamie Pelka of Oro Valley, Arizona announce the arrival of Austin Hayes Bolser born July 4.

Crystal Leigh Rose of Prudenville announces the arrival of Cody Edward Rose born July 6.

Alex and Mary Jane Marenko of Grayling announce the arrival of Alex Scott Marenko born July 7.

Don Swanigan and Shannon Weaver of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Eric Donnell

born July 7.

David and Shelly Schmidt of Grayling announce the arrival of Joshua David-Todd Schmidt born July 11.

Jason Cleaves and Stephanie Bologna of Fairview announce the arrival of Seth Dominic-Scott Cleaves born July 12.

Michael and Susan Mitchell of Roscommon announce the arrival of Rachel Morgan Mitchell born July 13.

Robert Rathburn and Theresa Procnier of Grayling announce the arrival of Skylar Enoch Rathburn born July 14.

James and Tina Rumph of Lewiston announce the arrival of Amanda Marie Rumph born July 14.

The City of Grayling has now completed the sidewalk project which was begun earlier this summer. The Grayling Police Department wishes to remind residents that parking on a sidewalk is prohibited by the Michigan Vehicle Code, section 257.674 (a). Parking on a sidewalk subjects the owner of the vehicle to the possibility of a ticket and the removal of the vehicle. Residents are being asked to cooperate and not block the sidewalk. Questions about parking may be directed to the Grayling Police Department at 348-4621 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Make the least of the worst and the most of the best!

Schedule of Activities at the Senior Center:

July 28 - "R & R" at 5:30 p.m.

July 29 - Out To Lunch Gang goes to West Branch at 11 a.m.; July 30 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.; Hot Dogs at Glen's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; July 31 - Hot Dogs at Glen's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; August 1 - Sunday Brunch.

August 2 - "Hangman" at 5:30 p.m.; August 3 - "R & R"; Euchre club is thriving and more players are welcome.; August 4 - Hearing Clinic from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.; August 6 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.; August 7

- Carnival and picnic. Lunch is \$1.50 for seniors, \$3 for those under 60. Games tickets will be on sale for 20 tickets for \$1.

Meals are available at the Senior Center at noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday every week. Friday, there is a meal at noon only.

JULY MENU: 28 - Roast Pork/Herbed Chicken; 29 - Meatloaf/Beef Chop Suey; 30 - Swiss Steak/no dinner

AUGUST MENU: 2 - Roast Pork/Hot Turkey; 3 - Sweet & Sour Meatballs/Ham; 4 - Baked Chicken/Pork Steak; 5 - BBQ Beef/Meatloaf; 6 - Brown Steak/no dinner

Thought to leave you with: We rarely learn with our mouths open!

HONORS

Grinnell College

Nathaniel Rosi, whose parents are Tomlin and Marilyn Rosi of Grayling, received a bachelor's degree in chemistry during commencement exercises at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, on May 24. President Russell K. Osgood conferred bachelor's degrees on 295 participants.

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Central Michigan University

The following students were

among the May graduates at CMU.

Steven M. Branch, Grayling - Bachelor of Science in Education

Jennifer A. Fassinger, Grayling - Bachelor of Science

James V. Gardiner, Grayling - Master of Business Administration

Kimberly A. Haske, Grayling - Bachelor of Applied Arts

Mitchell L. McMillan, Grayling - Master of Science

Nicole S. Demory, Mio - Bachelor of Science in Education

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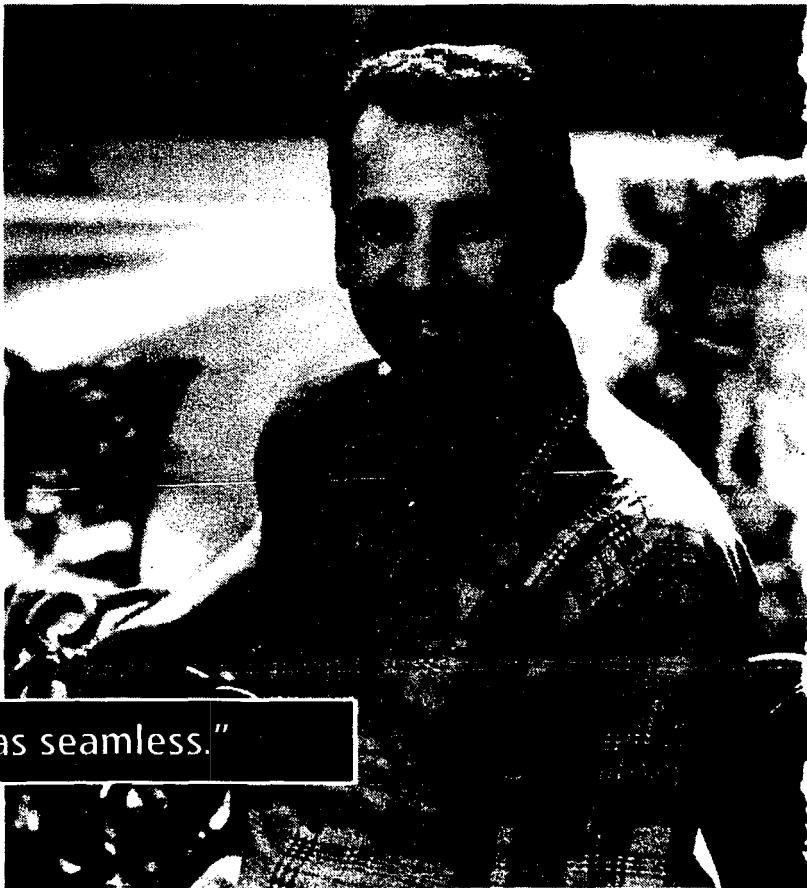
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AV

Frederic student's model named 'Best of Show'



WINNING ENTRY – Robert Cox holds his entry into the Michigan Industrial Arts Fair Regional competition. The wooden scale-model took first place in its category and was also named Best of Show. The model then went on to win second place in state competition in Traverse City.

Robert Cox was a first place winner at the Michigan Industrial Arts Fair Regional competition. The competition was held in Grand Blanc on Friday, April 30, with entries from Genesee and Shiawassee county high schools.

His entry of a wooden scale-model front-end loader won not only first place, but was also named Best of Show. His entry then went on to win second place in the state competition held in Traverse City on Saturday, May 8.

Cox was also among the athletes at the recent Sports Banquet held at the Michigan School for the Deaf. He was awarded varsity letters in soccer and track, as well as a Manager's letter for varsity basketball.

Robert, the son of James and Robin Cox of Frederic, will be a senior at Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint this fall. The school is a Class D high school, which competes against hearing schools in sports.

Guard units to start annual training at Camp Grayling

On Saturday, July 31, units of the Michigan, Indiana and Ohio Army National Guard will arrive at Camp Grayling for the start of their Annual Training.

Approximately 2,000 soldiers will conduct tactical Field Training Exercises (FTXs) including a Division Artillery Exercise (DIVARTY EX) and Tank Crew Qualifications.

This will include live firing exercises on Range 40 Complex and the Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC)/Range 30 Complex starting August 2 and concluding on or about August 9.

After their intensive field training they will re-deploy from the field to conduct maintenance operations and preparation for redeployment to hometown Armories on August 14.

On August 7, Michigan's Regional Training Institute (RTI) will conduct Military Occupational Skills (MOS) training in both a schoolhouse and field environment.

The project troop strength for their Annual Training period (August 7 - August 21) is 600 soldiers.

On August 14, a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Wing will arrive with 6-8 Harrier jets and 250 crew and support members to conduct a Close Air Support Exercise. A Harrier Jet demonstration is in the planning stages and information will be released as it is available. Their Annual Training period will take them from August 14 - August 28.

The staff at Camp Grayling look forward to another safe annual training period and the opportunity to provide a state of the art training facility for use by Reserve Component forces. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Camp Grayling Public Information Office at (517) 344-6107.

RANGE FIRING

Camp Grayling Range Firing scheduled, during July 28 through August 3:

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 40 Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Military maneuvers and artillery firing conducted.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd.,

east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Tank gunnery conducted.

In addition, the following roads will be closed beginning July 31 through August 3 from 5 a.m. to midnight each day:

a. Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

b. Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd.

c. Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

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Pageant one of County Fair highlights



HERE THEY ARE - (right) The 1999 Crawford County Fair Pageant was held at the fairgrounds the evening of July 22. The 1999 Crawford County Little Miss is (left) Kelsey Gilbert who also won the Talent and Congeniality portions in her age group; 1999 Crawford County Miss Pre-Teen is Salena Nelson (center); 1999 Crawford County Miss Teen is Felicia Phillips. She also won the Talent portion in her age group.



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

FULL COURT - (left) Final results of the Crawford County Fair Pageant held Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. are as follows: **1999 Little Miss** - Kelsey Gilbert; 1st Runner-Up - Emily Miljure; 2nd Runner-Up - Kaitlyn Wallace; Talent - Kelsey Gilbert; Congeniality - Kelsey Gilbert. **1999 Miss Pre-Teen** - Salena Nelson; 1st Runner-Up - Jaimi Drudge; 2nd Runner-Up (tie) - Molly Ferrigan, Jamie Pinkelman; Talent - Jamie Pinkelman; Congeniality (tie) - Molly Ferrigan, Danielle Lighthall. **1999 Miss Teen** - Felicia Phillips; 1st Runner-Up - Tracy Parkinson; 2nd Runner-Up - Tiffany Pizzi; Talent - Felicia Phillips; Congeniality - Rachael Evon.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM - 1998 Crawford County Teen Miss Alisha Carlisle sang the *Star Spangled Banner* during opening ceremonies of the 1999 Crawford County Fair.

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The Haunting Of Hill House

PG-13 (113)
Starring - Liam Neeson & Catherine Zeta Jones
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The Runaway Bride PG (116)

Starring - Julia Roberts & Richard Gere
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Deep Blue Sea R (106)

Starring - Samuel L. Jackson & Stellan Skarsgard
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Gaylord Cinema Downtown

Star Wars: Episode I - PG-13 (107)

Starring - Liam Neeson & Ewan McGregor
• 7 & 9:15 nightly

Wild, Wild West - PG-13 (107)

Starring - Will Smith & Kevin Kline
• 7 nightly

Lake Placid - R (88)

Starring - Bill Pullman, Oliver Platt & Bridget Fonda
• 9:15 nightly

Tarzan - G (88)

Lucas - Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close & Rosie O'Donnell
• 7 nightly

Big Daddy - PG-13 (93)

Starring - Adam Sandler
• 9 nightly

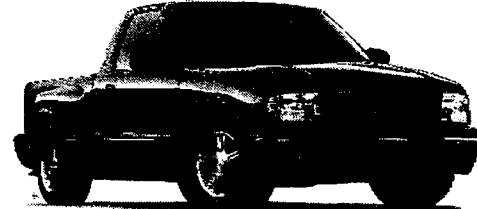
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Hartwick Pines to host 'Forest Fest'

Hartwick Pines will be hosting a special event this weekend called "Forest Fest," which will feature a variety of entertainment and several educational activities.

The festival will begin on Friday, July 30, at 8 p.m. with a performance by the musical group *Renaissance Foresters*. The group, which is comprised of Bill Botti, Doug Carter and Rich Hausler, will perform a selection of natural resource tunes at the campground amphitheater.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for the event. In the case of rain, the festivities will be held in the Visitor Center.

Those who attend Friday's Forest Fest kick-off will have the opportunity to hear about and sign up for some of Saturday's Forest Fest tours.

On Saturday, July 31, Forest Fest will continue with several different events, including:

• **Early Morning Hike** (6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.) Meet Retired DNR forester Bill Botti at the visitor Center to explore the forest history and ecology of forests here at Hartwick Pines.

• **Motor Tour** (9 a.m. to 11 p.m.) Discover the Park's forest history and ecology by vehicle. Meet Bill Botti at the Contact Station.

• **Children's Activities:** (10 a.m.) "How many bears live in a forest?" (11 a.m.) Play "Oh deer!"

(11 a.m.-12 p.m.) "Craft Corner"

(1 p.m.) Help "Build a Tree"

(2-3 p.m.) "Craft Corner" Build a pine cone critter

3 p.m. Play "Maple seed mix-up"

• **Children's activities:** Join the Hartwick Pines historical staff at 1 p.m. for hands-on history.

• **Children's Story-time:** Readings at: (11:30 a.m.) *Johnny Appleseed*

(1:30 p.m.) *Paul Bunyan*

(3:30 p.m.) *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

• **Forestry Demonstration: 20th Century Technology & Tools of the Trade:** Join DNR Foresters Larry Carter and Jake Bonac as they demonstrate their tools of the trade. Learn how to navigate through the woods with a compass and aerial photos. See how foresters measure the height and age of a tree. See how maps are developed using a hand held GPS unit and satellite imaging. Meet at the Visitor Center.

• **Wildfire Suppression Equipment:** Join DNR Wildfire Fighters Dan Jones and Joel Money as they demonstrate operation of various fire equipment specially developed in Michigan to combat wildland fires. Meet at the Day Use/Picnic Area.

• **What's "Bugging" my Tree? A Hands-On Display of Some Common Shade and Forest Tree Problems:** (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) Join MSU District Extension Forestry Agent Russell Kidd and Roger Mech, Michigan DNR Forest Health Specialist for one of the 30-45 minute forestry presentations.

• **Forest History Tour:** (1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.) Bill Botti will offer a forest history tour of the surrounding area. Meet at the Contact Station and then car pool to points of interest.

• **History of Hartwick Pines:** (2 p.m.) Slide presentation will take place in the Visitor Center.

• **Throughout the day:** Free containerized white spruce trees at the Visitor Center, while supplies last; Free posters of Michigan ecosystems, while supplies last; forestry displays in the classroom; concession lunch at the picnic/day use area (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.); video extravaganza featuring a variety of forest videos in the auditorium.

Judging the Auto Show

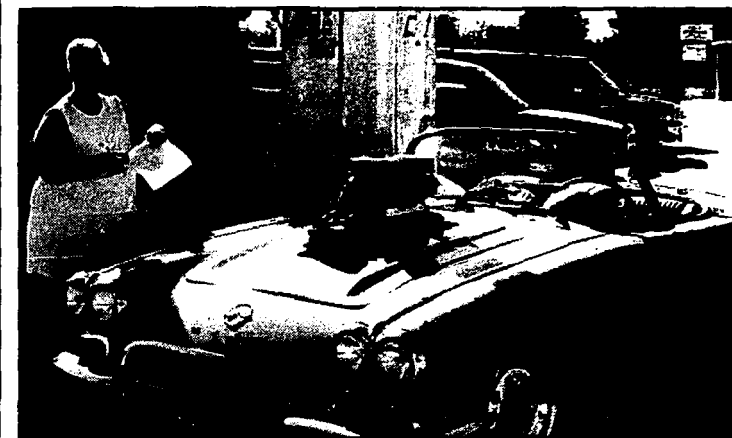


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ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW - Part of Michigan Avenue in Grayling is closed each year for an Antique Auto Show during canoe marathon week. Shown is Judy LaVigne of Indian River, judging a 1960 Corvette belonging to another car buff. She and her husband have been restoring vehicles for about nine years and had two entered this year.

AuSable River group offers white cedars

The AuSable River System Property Owners Association (ARSPOA) is offering low-priced white cedar trees again this year to help revitalize the cedar population along the AuSable.

According to ARSPOA, the Michigan white cedars along the river's banks provide needed shade to maintain the cold water fishery of the AuSable River, and the presence of the cedar sweepers at the water line provides protection for the fish, increases the amount of large woody debris in the water, as well as the preservation of the riverbank.

However, there is virtually no natural regeneration of Michigan white cedar along the AuSable River System due to the tremendous deer populations, said ARSPOA. Many property owners have long recognized the complete absence of any young cedars in our area, and they have attempted to plant replacement cedar seedlings only to have the deer and hares eat them again.

Recognizing that this problem exists and a solution needs to be found, volunteer members of ARSPOA will pre-package Michigan white cedar seedlings into a "planting kit."

Included in this planting kit will

be: 10 Michigan white cedar seedlings, protective fencing material, wooden stakes, and complete planting instructions. Each participating property owner will plant, protect, and care for the trees on his own property.

This is the third year for this river enhancement project. The sign-up period for this year's project is now.

River property owners may purchase the "Cedar Tree Kits" at a price of \$15 per kit. This is on a first come - first serve basis.

Your check, payable to AuSable River System Property Owners Association, may be sent to: ARSPOA, P.O. Box 15, Grayling, MI 49738. Detailed information about the mid-September planting will be sent directly to you.

For more information contact Howard N. Johnson at (517) 753-6373.

The actual cost for all the material in the Cedar Tree Planting Kit is substantially more than the asking price. The purchase price is being subsidized by several sponsors.

With the planting of cedar seedlings, we will better ensure the preservation of the cedar sweepers that have long symbolized the upper AuSable, said ARSPOA.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. from July 19- 26:

One false call; two criminal sexual conduct; six assault; three burglary; four larceny; one vehicle theft; two property damage; 19 public peace; one OUIL/OUID; 15 health and safety (11 of which were animal control); two conservation;

one miscellaneous crimes; two skip; five minors; nine accidents; two false alarms; 18 vehicle inspections; one property inspection; seven civil/family trouble; five suspicious situations; one lost/found property; 21 general non-criminal.

A total of 128 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

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AuSable River Festival Parade celebrates 'Memories'



Cub Scout Pack 3993 won the "Grand Marshall Award" trophy for its camping-themed display.

This year's AuSable River Festival Parade theme was "Memories of the Century." (above) Grayling Restaurant's float celebrating the history of "Milltown" won the Best of Theme Award. The parade was organized by the Grayling Promotional Association.



(Above) Wellington Farm Park's "Great Depression" float won the Robert Townsend Award, which is given to the "best local non-commercial" parade entry. (right) Rob Burg of Hartwick Pines stands atop the state park's "Reforestation for the Future" float.



(Above) The parade entry from Skip's Sport Shop featured a river boat and a fly fisherman, who casted toward the crowd with an empty line. (right) This year's AuSable River Festival Parade had a set of genuine Clydesdales, courtesy of Sugarbush Hill.



Photos by Caleb Casey

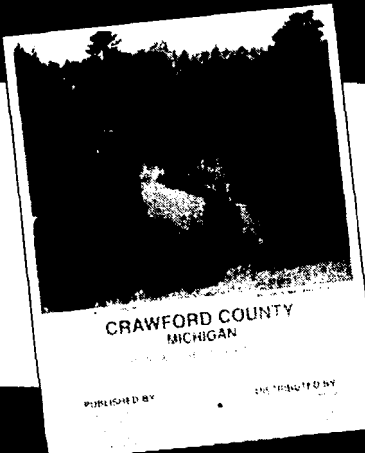


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Entertainment and Beyond's Vietnam War era float featured camouflaged soldiers and mock artillery.

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Reigning champs win 52nd Marathon

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fade, and about 1/4 of the way through the race they were passed just beyond the Parmalee Bridge timing checkpoint by the determined father and son team: Ken Kolonich, 53, of Eaton Rapids, and Steve Kolonich, 27, of Lansing. Though not able to close the gap between themselves and the leaders, the Kolonichs kept the pace with Kolka and Corbin for much of the race and pulled away from the rest of the field to finish second in 14:26:18.

Lynch continued to suffer severe intestinal problems and the pair withdrew from the race near the McKinley Bridge timing checkpoint, a little less than halfway through the race.

Grayling's Kolka family was well represented at this year's Marathon as Ted Kolka, 33, of Grayling, and Jeff Kolka's brother, finished third with partner Tim Valko, 30, of Pinckney, crossing the finish line in 14:41:21.

Fourth were Jim Harwood, 35, of Grayling and Rick Joy, 40, of Silverwood, finishing in 14:47:59. Rounding out the top five, with a time of 14:51:27, were Bruce Barton, 42, of Homer, and Steve Lajoie, 23, of VanDreuil, Quebec. A total of seven teams finished the 120 mile, \$50,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon in under 15 hours, considered a benchmark of top marathon canoe racing performance. Finishing in 14:53:15, good for 6th place were Jeff Kassuba, 28, of East Tawas and Mike Montgomery, 33, of Oscoda. Also finishing in under 15 hours, with a time of 14:59:59 were Tad Hill, 21, of East Lansing and Dave Jensen, 35, of San Jose, California.

AuSable River Marathon legend and fan favorite Al Widing, Sr., 74, of Mio and his partner, Bob Bradford, 56, of Lapeer, paddled an impressive race from start to finish, finishing 15th with a time of 15:21:22. Widing, who first paddled the Marathon in the 1950's, thinks that this may have been his fastest AuSable Marathon time, at age 74!

Widing and Bradford's time also

established a new Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Senior's Record.

The youngest entrant in this year's Marathon, fifteen year-old "Mighty Matt" Rimer of Horton and his partner "Turbo Tim" Triebold, 46, of Concord, finished 9th completing the course in 15:06:04.

The first place mixed-team finishers, finishing in 16th place overall with a time of 15:26:43, were Carrie Trudgeon, 29, of Oscoda and Tom Cannon, 43, of East Lansing. Joe Shaw, 44, of Worthington, Massachusetts and partner Kathy Manizza, 41, of Mansfield, Connecticut were the 2nd mixed-team finishers and 21st overall with a time of 15:41:15.

The competition in the Amateur Division was keen, with Ivan Paladi, 54, of Deford and Larry Treul, 51, of Gaylord capturing the first place Amateur prize, finishing in 15:54:19. Taking second place, less than three minutes behind the amateur Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon Champs, were David Sabin, 19, and Erich Podjaske, 16, both of Grayling with a time of 15:57:07.

The final finishers of the 1999 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon completed the course with just 10 minutes, 48 seconds to spare. Bob Donaldson, 38, of Grayling and Sean Munn, 36, of Mason, finished



The paddling team of Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin (pictured here at this year's position sprints) won the AuSable River Canoe Marathon for the fourth consecutive time this year, finishing in 14:08:18.

Photo by Caleb Casey

in 46th place with a time of 18 hours, 49 minutes, 12 seconds. AuSable Marathon competitors must finish the race within 19 hours of the start to qualify as an official finisher.

Of the 57 teams that started the race on Saturday night, 11 teams did not finish. Several did not make cut-off times at timing locations or withdrew due to illness, injury or equipment problems.

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon has been called the toughest endurance contest in North America and is the middle leg of the prestigious Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing.

For extensive information about the \$50,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, including history, race results, pictures and more, visit the Marathon's website at: www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

1999 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

Unofficial Results

Place/Team/Time (DNF=Did not finish)

1. Jeff Kolka/Serge Corbin	14:08:18	29. Ray Quick/Charles Hewitt	16:02:01
2. Ken Kolonich/Steve Kolonich	14:26:18	30. Dragan Olajdzija/Jon Webb	16:06:18
3. Tim Valko/Ted Kolka	14:41:21	31. Michael Garon/Joe Pollock	16:07:31
4. Jim Harwood/Rick Joy	14:47:59	32. Kevin Leroy/David Timmerman	16:12:40
5. Bruce Barton/Steve Lajoie	14:51:27	33. Jeff Stevens/Dwight Walker	16:17:54
6. Mike Montgomery/Jeff Kassuba	14:53:15	34. Brad Wilson/Colin Hunter	16:19:11
7. Tad Hill/Dave Jensen	14:59:59	35. Bernie Tuszynski/Ray Bauer	16:39:01
8. Bill DuBois/Dan Klinkhamer	15:01:57	36. Lynne Witte/Charles Lannen	16:39:18
9. Tim Triebold/Matthew Rimer	15:06:04	37. Mark Gamsey/Martin Gamsey	16:41:41
10. Steve Watson/Clark Kent	15:08:27	38. Robert Smith/Jason Snell	16:43:17
11. Fred Mynar/John Dunn	15:10:10	39. Greg Nelson/Mark Churchill	16:45:13
12. Francois Dagenais/Christian Mongrain	15:15:29	40. Abby Kingman/Lisa Salvini	16:46:57
13. Joseph Seifert/Fred Mills	15:18:47	41. Neal Sand/Jim Merrifield	16:48:23
14. David Teddy/Tim Sheldon	15:20:32	42. Al Duckworth/Doug Grosso	16:57:34
15. Robert A. Bradford/Al Widing Sr.	15:21:22	43. Jeff De Feo/Kenny Larkin	17:17:18
16. Tom Cannon/Carrie Montgomery	15:26:43	44. Kevin Shriver/Tom Gardner	17:35:07
17. Fritz Hansen/Kal Hansen	15:31:28	45. Pete Binion/Wade Binion	17:49:54
18. John Hugas/Allen Limberg	15:37:46	46. Sean Munn/Bob Donaldson	18:49:12
19. Marcel DuPont/Serge Rouleau	15:40:05	(DNF) Matt Ashton/Mo Harwood	
20. Jeremy Olson/Stephane Aubry	15:40:15	(DNF) Mike Devine/Randy Drake	
21. Joe Shaw/Kathy Manizza	15:41:15	(DNF) Bob Rohr/Dale Bissonette	
22. Steve McAleer/Peter Heed	15:46:43	(DNF) Wade Mackay/Jeff Tetrault	
23. James Laurent/Mike Hartman	15:47:40	(DNF) Dan Gary/Matthew Gary	
24. Chris Kucharek/Don Brooks	15:48:45	(DNF) John Gengler/Tim Gattenby	
25. Ted Smutek/Brenda Carlson	15:50:36	(DNF) Bill Torongo/Patrick Lynch	
26. Blaise St. Pierre/Pierre LaPointe	15:51:39	(DNF) Eric Canny/Keith Canny	
27. Ivan Paladi/Larry Treul	15:54:19	(DNF) Rusty Argue/Todd Messerschmidt	
28. David Sabin/Erich Podjaske	15:57:07	(DNF) Frank Taber/Frank Bailey	
		(DNF) Steve Anderson/Sean Casey	



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Borchers hosts Youth Canoe Race



Borchers Canoe Livery hosted its annual Youth Canoe Race last week (July 23), which netted 10 paddlers in the various divisions. (Above and inset) The races get underway at Borchers.



Joe Leusley and Bobby Stockton paddle their way to a first place finish in the Youth Canoe Race's 15-17 year-old division. The race took contestants from Borchers to Louie's Landing.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Youth Canoe Race results

15-17 year-old division

Place/Team/Time

1. Joe Leusley/Bobby Stockton 1:10:27
2. Alfred Borchers/Chase Barnett 1:13:54
3. Mark Weaver/Chris Youngblood 1:22:20

13-14 year-old division (boys)

Place/Team/Time

1. Brian Borchers/Don Starks 1:17:29
2. Klaus Eisbrenner/Craig Ross 1:20:57
3. Roy Czapak/Matt Nederhoed 1:26:39

11-12 year-old division (boys)

Place/Team/Time

1. A.J. Powers/Jonathon Denton 2:00:06

11-17 year-old division (girls)

Place/Team/Time

1. Mandy Scott/Jill Seager 1:28:53
2. Carrie Miracle/Janielle Scott 1:37:32
3. Ashley Powers/Kristina Frost 1:48:34



Chase Barnett and Alfred Borchers (15-17 year-old division) finished the race standing up.



Mandy Scott and Jill Seager won the girls division, posting a time of 1:28:53.

HARTWICK PINES

by Sarah Fossati

Once again, Hartwick Pines will be hosting another great wildlife program. This time we welcome North Wings, the newest addition to the environmental education organization of northern Michigan, SEE-North.

This particular program focuses on educating people about raptors, also known as birds of prey.

They will be at the Visitor's Center on Saturday, August 7, at 3 p.m. with several taloned friends:

Luna, Maggie, Flash, and Belfry.

Luna is a very vocal Barred Owl, Maggie a Red-tailed Hawk, Flash a Great Horned Owl, and last but not least, Belfry the Barn Owl.

Please join us to learn about these four incredible animals in addition to other powerful birds of North America.

The program is free, but a motor vehicle permit is required for park entrance.

For more information, feel free to call (517) 348-2537.

1999 Viking Football August Practice Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		Free Physicals at GHS 7 pm		
9	10	11	12	13
1st Day of Football Practice 8 am	Practice 8 am - 12 noon	Practice 8 am - 12 noon	Practice 8 am - 12 noon "Meet the Team" 5pm Game 6 pm	Practice 8 am - 12 noon
16	17	18	19	20
Practice 8 am - 12 noon	Practice 8 am - 12 noon	Practice 8 am - 12 noon	1st Scrimmage at East Jordan 10 am	Practice 9 am - 12 noon
23	24	25	26	27
Practice 3 - 5 pm	Practice 3 - 5 pm	Practice 3 - 5 pm	Freshman, JV Game Roscommon	Varsity Game Roscommon

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*Parents please note change "Meet the Team" is Thursday, August 12th not Friday, August 13th.

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Join Adventure Ranger Jackie Kelly at South Higgins Lake State Park for any of the following nature-oriented Michigan State Parks Adventure Programs:

Thursday, July 29: **Incredible Insects:** Learn all about insects. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Ridge Trail across from the campground registration office. **Nature Hike:** Come explore nature along the Ridge Trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet across from the campground office.

Friday, July 30: **Sensory Hike:** A look at nature through a different perspective. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Oh Deer!:** Learn about deer and play a game. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at the campground ballpark.

Saturday, July 31: **Beaks, Feet and Feathers:** Learn about bird characteristics. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Nature Hike:** Come explore nature along the green loop trail at Marl Lake. Starts at 7 p.m.

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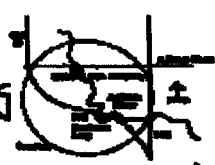
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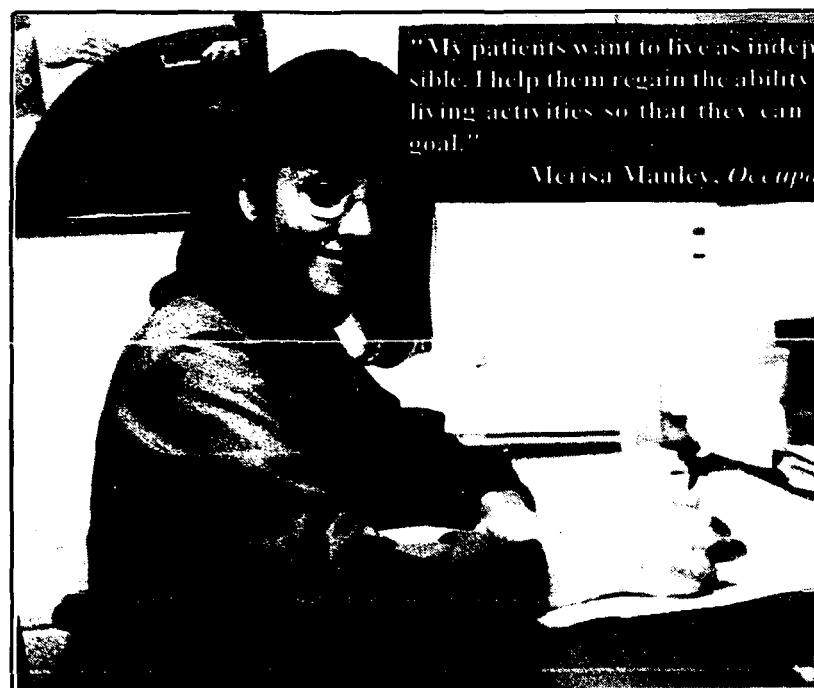
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'Bikin' Babes' win Business Relays



The members of the winning Business Relay team "Bikin' Babes" (Vickie Hart, Wini Kolka, Jennifer Gall and Gretchen Walsh) show off their muscles.

The Bicycle Shop "Bikin' Babes" team, made up of Vickie Hart, Wini Kolka, Jennifer Gall and Gretchen Walsh, beat out the field of 30 teams (men's, women's and mixed) with a time of 8:22.2 minutes in the annual Business Relay canoe race.

The closest competition was the Penrod's Canoe Livery men's team with 8:23.7 minutes. The Weyerhaeuser Water Dogs came in third place overall with a time of 9:11.0 minutes.

The Penrod's men's team won the Men's Division and Borchers' Canoe Livery won the Mixed Division.

The top two finishers in the Women's Division were the "Bikin' Babes," with AuSable Gifts in second place at 10:31.3 minutes.

The top two finishers in the Mixed Division were Borchers' Canoe

Livery at 10:04.0 minutes, with The Drug Runners seconds behind at 10:21.4 minutes.

The Men's Division top finishers were Penrod's Canoe Livery with 8:23.7 minutes followed by the Weyerhaeuser Water Dogs trailing at 9:11.0 minutes.

The grueling event includes an upstream sprint from Penrod's to Ray's with the second half of the four member team dashing back to the finish/start line for the best time. Many paddlers vowed to be back next year with the intention of taking home a winning spot.

The Camp Grayling Conservation Club has sponsored this event for the past seven years. Habitat for Humanity had hot dogs, chips and pop for sale to help quench the hunger and thirst on a great Northern Michigan day.

Business Relay overall results

Business Relay 1999 (held Thursday, July 22)

Place/Team/Time

1. The Bicycle Shop "Bikin' Babes" 08:22.2
2. Penrod's Canoe Livery 08:23.7
3. Weyerhaeuser Water Dogs 09:11.0
4. Deane Systems 09:37.9
5. CML "Land Rovers" 09:38.2
6. Camp Grayling "TISA Dogs" 09:50.4
7. Borchers Canoe Livery 10:04.0
8. Fick & Sons "Bad Boys" 10:13.4
9. Fick & Sons "Garage Boys" 10:15.6
10. The Drug Runners 10:21.4
11. Grayling Recreation Authority 10:22.5
12. AuSable Gifts 10:31.3
13. Ray's Canoe Livery "The Ray Dogs" 10:31.6
14. Hart Pontiac 10:32.2

15. Holiday Inn "Cooking Down the River" 10:36.9
16. Camp Grayling Range Control I 10:45.7
17. Grayling Ford 10:49.5
18. Mercy Hospital "Captain Walt's Paddle Boys" 11:00.6
19. RE/Max 11:02.0
20. Grayling Kiwanis 11:05.0
21. Coldwell Bankers "Sold" 11:21.4
22. Camp Grayling Fire Dept. "The Hosers" 11:25.8
23. Chemical Bank North 11:37.7
24. Camp Grayling Range Control II 11:43.0
25. Citizens Bank 11:59.3
26. Camp Grayling "LOG Dogs" 12:07.6
27. WUPS 98.5 12:09.1
28. Ginger's Family Style Shop 12:12.8
29. CenturyTel 14:01.7
30. Camp Grayling Range Control III DQ'D

COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, July 21, it was a very gray rainy day for the Ladies League and we've truly had enough of those for the summer. Whoever said, "It never rains on a golf course" lied!

In spite of the rain, these gals did very well as in Flight A, Carlene Englund had a low net of 21 and Connie Gates had low putts of 13.

In Flight B, Louise Hatfield had a low net of 36 and Lynda Hetrick had low putts of 16.

In Flight C, Mo McNamara took it all with a low net of 29 and low

putts of 16.

In Flight D, Evie Kent did the same with a low net of 32 and low putts of 16.

There were two birdies today, and those were by Mo McNamara on #11 and Kathy Olson on #15.

My only claim to fame today, was a chip in on #10 and I shared the honors with Dody Burns who had one on #18.

The "umbrella" prize this week was for closest to the pin on #11 in Flight A and that was taken by

Shirley Parker.

Our golf committee had another "special" game of the day and that was for the golfer with the best poker hand and that was taken by Ann Latusek with five -7's.

There was a julienne salad for lunch with a roll and brownie for dessert.

We then went home to curl up with a good book, or do cleaning that quite possibly has been neglected a touch.

That's all "fore" now.

FISHING REPORT

Lake Margrethe: Anglers are getting good numbers of bluegill in the shallows, about 7-10 feet of water, using wax worms or Michigan spiders. Try fishing in water about waist deep and cast as far as you can. Walleye fishing has

been good this past week, with anglers doing well around dusk in seven to 10 feet of water. Try trolling at the slowest speed you can go using crawler harnesses with bottom bouncers. (Info courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

CHICKS WITH STICKS

by Julie Calkins

Monday, July 19 -- This evening for the least was just a wee bit, exciting, exhilarating, hair raising, thrilling, spine tingling, eye popping, and one of the most wild nights we have ever had (I used a few adjectives) thanks to TANYA WOLCOTT!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TANYA ON YOUR HOLE IN "I" ON HOLE NUMBER 5!!!

I, personally, did not witness this, but by the screams we heard (golf is such a refined, quiet sport) we all knew instantly what had happened.

By the way, we did scramble and we had another lovely evening. Golfing in the evening has its special rewards at Grayling Country Club. We saw five fawns with spots on them standing in a group together. This is when you truly realize what an awesome place Northern Michigan is in the summer.

"CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TANYA, YOU ARE AWESOME," and we will see you on the fairways.

GRA MENS SOFTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority Mens Softball League standings as of Thursday, July 22:

1. Airway 14-2
1. Spikes 14-2
2. Lucky's 9-7
3. American Legion 7-9
4. Red Barn 1-13
4. C.S.L. 1-13

Note: The All-Star game will be played this Friday (July 30) at 6:15 p.m. Rosters for the All-Star teams are posted at the concession stand and dugouts at Hanson Hills.

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8. 15 Year Latex Caulk 10.1 oz. 10202
9. Carton Sealing Tape 2" x 22.2 yards. Clear. 90709
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11. Cleaning Supplies Choose 12 oz. furniture polish, 19 oz. spray starch, 16 oz. oven cleaner, 12 oz. disinfectant or 17 oz. bathroom cleaner 10832, 10464, 10707, 10791, 10888
12. Tub & Tile Caulk Waterproof seal. 5.5 oz. 12585
13. S.O.S. Pads 10 steel wool soap pads. 1012145
14. Teller Bowl Cleaner Thick liquid removes stubborn rust and hard water stains. 24 oz. 17733
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21. Paint Thinner Quart. 12780
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Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by William D. Shearer Jr., a single man, of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated August 22, 1997, and recorded on September 2, 1997, in Liber 436, Page 556 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to First National Bank of Michigan, a National Banking Association, whose address is 241 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 14, 1997, and recorded on November 7, 1997, with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 441, Page 242, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$18,910.82) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on August 19, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel "A": Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 19; thence no degrees 26' 50" E (along the Section line) 1127.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 88 degrees 34' 30" W 1476.76 feet; thence N 4 degrees 41' 14" E 1547.28 feet; thence S 88 degrees 36' E 55.2 feet; thence S 0 degrees 28' 20" W 1335.8 feet; thence S 88 degrees 34' 30" E 1308.67 feet; thence S 0 degrees 26' 50" W 209 feet to the point of beginning.

which has an address of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 8, 1999

Drafted by:

William M. Azkoul (P40071)

Attorney for Mortgagee

161 Ottawa, N.W. Ste. 111-A, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(616) 458-1315

-15-22-29-5

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take Notice:

Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds, issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5 for each description, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Lot 390 Unit 5 Indian Glens of the AuSable 052-520-000-390-00.

Taxes paid for 1991, \$89.69; taxes paid for 1992, \$92.76; taxes paid for 1993, \$89.17; taxes paid for 1994, \$89.21; taxes paid for 1995, \$91.64.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$678.705 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Donald M. McChristian Sr.

40960 Regency Drive Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

-8-15-22-29

TO: Dennis and Sylvia Osborne, husband and wife, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest, therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Dennis and Sylvia Osborne

6424 Richard Rd.

Rt. 1 Box KW 2343

Grayling, MI 49738

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Bendig and Kathryn E. Bendig his wife (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 1994, and recorded on September 8, 1994, in Liber 383, on Page 362, Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by mesne assignments to

Norwest Mortgage Inc., a California Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated April 23, 1996 which was recorded on July 2, 1996, in Liber 413, on Page 633, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 40/100 dollars (\$63,362.40), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 18, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 40, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948 CL 600.2341(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 8, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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Attorneys and Counselors

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

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DESCRIPTION OF LAND

State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Lot 389 Unit 5 Indian Glens of the AuSable 052-520-000-389-00.

Taxes paid for 1991, \$105.89; taxes paid for 1992, \$109.63; taxes paid for 1993, \$105.26; taxes paid for 1994, \$105.26; taxes paid for 1995, \$108.16.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$801.30 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Donald M. McChristian Sr.

40960 Regency Drive

Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

TO: Dennis and Sylvia Osborne, husband and wife, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest, therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Dennis and Sylvia Osborne

6424 Richard Rd.

Rt. 1 Box KW 2343

Grayling, MI 49738

-8-15-22-29

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Publication of Notice Decedent's Estate

File No. 99-005996-SE

Estate of MONIE R. SHAFER, 380-07-3714.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing was/will be held in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter on the petition of Monie R. Shafer, Jr. requesting Monie R. Shafer, Jr. be appointed personal representative of Monie R. Shafer, Jr. who lived at 6370 Pine Pointe Dr., Grayling, Michigan 49738 and who died 5/4/99, and requesting also the will of the deceased dated 9/26/82 and codicils dated N/A be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given

that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Date: 6/10/99

H. Keith DuBois P-24717

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(517) 348-7777

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TONY J. JOHNSON (and also signed by Melanie A. Johnson) to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated September 16, 1997, and recorded on September 25, 1997, in Liber 438, on page 445, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty three thousand six hundred forty nine and 54/100 dollars (\$63,649.54), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 1999.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 20, BLOCK 2, PLAT OF KAREN WOODS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 44, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mortgagee

Dated: July 15, 1999

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-22-29-5-12

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are seeking bids to remodel two existing garages. The two adjacent garages are located on the north side of the County Building between the Courthouse and the Jail. The garages are to be converted into office space. All bids are to be sealed and submitted to the controller on or before August 27th, 1999. For details and project specifications contact Paul Compo at the County Building.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

-15-22-29

Have You Noticed That The Price Of A Drink Has Gone Up Lately?



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Federal & State funds have been used to support project costs.

FOR SALE

Beaver Creek Township will offer for sale 6 acres more or less on Millikin Lane. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Township Office on or before August 9, 1999 at 2 p.m. Please contact Beaver Creek Township for details and bids requirements. Beaver Creek Township Office is located at 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, Phone 517-275-8878 or Fax 517-275-9965. Office hours are from 9 am until 2 pm, Monday thru Friday.

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Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Listed below are the dates of these meetings; please note that, unless otherwise posted, all regular meetings of this Board will begin at 7:00 p.m.

C.O.O.R. General Offices
11051 North Cut Road, Roscommon, MI

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 11, 1999
September 8, 1999
October 13, 1999
November 10, 1999
December 8, 1999
January 11, 2000
February 9, 2000
March 18, 2000
April 12, 2000
May 10, 2000
June 14, 2000
July 12, 2000

Lyle Spalding, Superintendent
C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District

If any person with a disability needs accommodation, please call Lyle Spalding or Barbara Romanowski at (517) 275-5137 by 3:00 p.m. on date of meeting.

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ROAD AND STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

The Grayling Township Board will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on Tuesday, August 17, 1999, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at GRAYLING CITY HALL, 103 S. JAMES ST., Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following Special Assessment District projects:

7 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
7:45 p.m.
8 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

Sumac/TremPal Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District Renewal.
Borcher's Way Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District Renewal.
Hanner Trail Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District Renewal.
Wilderness Trail Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District Renewal.
Pappy's Trail Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District Renewal.
Red Tailed Hawk Loop Street Light Special Assessment District. Hearing regarding creation of a lighting district.

Tentative costs and assessment files are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the projects may be directed to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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FEATURES

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For The Week Of August 1-7

Aries

March 21-April 20

Make sure projects get done correctly. In order to do that, you'll probably have to take care of them yourself. If you're running short on cash, don't turn to a friend, even though he/she seems willing. It's too easy to ruin a friendship because of money.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

Someone at work is playing on your emotions. Do your best to not let him/her get to you, especially in front of your boss. Watch out for the home improvement project you just started—it may cost more money than you expected.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

Be open to training suggestions from your supervisor. Don't be defensive about it, because you'll find it will look very good for you when it is time for your review. Renew a long-distance relationship with a phone call to show you care.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Whatever you do, don't put your partner in a difficult position this week. It's just not worth the trouble and hurt you could cause. Instead, choose to get away with him/her and leave the worries behind. A trip to a beach would be a great idea.

Leo

July 23-August 23

Keep away from disagreements or arguments at work this week. What seems like a small thing may end up being a big issue down the road. This might not be the week to have a group of friends or family over for a party or dinner.

Virgo

August 24-September 22

You are not required to live by other people's rules. Stand up for yourself, defend yourself. You continue to let someone close take advantage of you. Stop it now before it gets any further out of hand.

Libra

September 23-October 23

Considering a job change? Check out the market. See what kind of skills are needed in today's workplace. If you're lacking, now is the time to sign up for those workshops or classes. Or see if a friend can bring you up to speed.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Don't allow a friend to make you feel guilty this week. You have done your best to help him/her; it's not your fault everything didn't work out as planned. Learn a lesson from this situation and watch the promises you make in the future.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Making long-range financial plans? Don't depend on an amateur's advice—turn to a professional financial adviser. One short meeting could end up being very beneficial to you. Look for ways to delegate some of your workload.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

Be on the lookout for a great opportunity headed your way. Don't let your stubbornness get in its way. You need to forget about your social calendar for a while and take care of a pressing problem at home before it hurts your family deeply.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

Friends, relatives and your partner are all vying for your time this week. Don't let them all pull you in different directions because there won't be a sane moment left for you. Escape to a special place like the park, beach or zoo.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Don't be surprised if something doesn't turn out as good as it first seemed. You were warned that it may be too good to be true. Learn from this experience, and before you take a big step next time, look into the possible problems.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Shrimp Stuffed Peppers

Serves 6

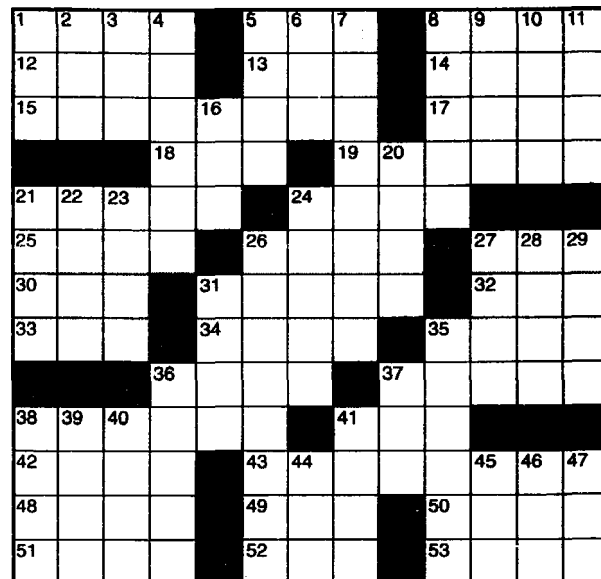
3 cloves garlic, split
2 qts. water
6 green bell peppers
2 tbsp. margarine
2 tbsp. flour
1 10 oz. can evaporated skim milk
2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup onion, grated
1/4 cup celery, finely chopped
1/4 mushrooms
1/4 tsp. black pepper
Dash of Cayenne pepper
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. Worcestershire
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
1 lb. fresh shrimp, boiled & peeled
1/2 cup cooked rice
Dash of paprika

1. Place garlic in pot with 2 quarts of water. Bring to a boil. Cut tops off peppers, scoop out center and cook in boiling water for 5 minutes. 2. In a saucepan, melt margarine slowly. Stir in flour for 2 to 3 minutes to form light tan paste. Slowly stir in evaporated skim milk. Continue to stir until sauce thickens. 3. Add lemon juice, onion, celery, mushrooms, black and Cayenne pepper, garlic powder and Worcestershire sauce to the white sauce. Then add half the parmesan cheese. Cook over low heat until blended. Remove sauce from heat. 4. Add shrimp and rice to sauce. Mix well. Stuff peppers with mixture. Top with remaining cheese and the paprika. Place in baking dish with 1/2 inch water. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.



HOME NEEDED - Shepherd mix puppies, 8 weeks old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Remove fat
- Tango movement
- Hip-swinging dance
- Engage
- Altar declaration (2 wds.)
- Native metals
- D.C. university
- Weary sound
- New Year's _____
- Requiring formal attire
- Put to use
- _____ of state
- Elwes of *The Princess Bride*
- Orchestra leader Lindsey
- _____ is me!
- Hasten
- They determine hair color
- Genetic inits.
- Actor Ron
- TV's talking horse
- Eating-contest food, often
- Scottish caps
- Attempt again
- Climbing lizard
- Set ablaze
- Coat holder
- Dreamed
- Fit
- Father, for short
- O'Hara plantation
- Bond-protayer Connery
- Intelligence agent
- "Bette Davis _____"

DOWN

- Asian sheep
- Actress Hunter
- Just
- Chop
- Neighbor of Wyo.
- Considered
- Did garden work
- Milla 18* author Leon
- Hose locales
- Wan
- Poison or grape
- Soundrels
- Yearn
- Beach toy
- Hunted animal
- Sharpens
- "I have heard the _____ singing..." (T.S. Eliot)
- Judicial decree
- Rare thing
- Submissive
- Govt. agent
- Dress size
- _____ with (charmed)
- Equipment
- Golden age funds: abbr.
- Actor Kaplan
- USC's rival
- "_____ In The Dark"
- Tourist's guide
- Con's vote
- Earlier, in verse
- Kremlin affirmatives

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago July 29, 1976

U.A.W. filed suit July 21 against Judge Francis L. Walsh, District Judge for the 83rd Judicial District, John B. Huss, Crawford County Prosecutor, Harold Hatfield, Jr., Crawford County Sheriff and Peter Stephan, Grayling City Police Chief. The suit seeks to prevent law enforcement officials from enforcing MCLA 750.352 which says that anyone interfering with any person in the quiet and peaceable pursuit of his lawful occupation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The U.A.W. contends the statute is unconstitutional. The charges grew out of several nights of incidents involving pick-up trucks occupied by numerous persons identified as U.A.W. strikers who allegedly threatened, molested and intimidated non-striking workers and their families at their residences, an official said.

Lee P. Saunders of the 225th Infantry, Camp Grayling was swimming with three other companions when he apparently swam out of sight and drowned in Lake Margrethe during a pre-dawn swim.

Twin Peaks Ski Lodge, located north of Frederic was the scene of a fire last Wednesday. A 60x40 two story pole-type building was a complete loss. Fire-fighters were unable to save the structure which has been vacant for several years. According to police officials, the fire may have been an arson. Four young subjects were seen leaving the area on trail bikes shortly after the fire broke out.

Robert Smock, Jr., Youth Services Director, reported that he and three young people spent nearly three hours picking up trash from Burton's Landing to Louie's Landing, a mere 15 minute float. They picked up three 55-gallon trash bags full of garbage. The situation worsened as the group moved down-

stream. He found the situation so appalling that his group will initiate a weekly clean-up through September if they can get support from the community.

Two new base camps are being constructed north and east of Camp Grayling, near Ranges 30 and 40 respectively and according to spokesmen in the camp commander's office, the camps will be ready for use during the August camp by armor and infantry battalions of the 38th Infantry Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lester (nee Cathy Stripe) and baby Henry Joseph, of Isfahan, Iran, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stripe for a month.

46 Years Ago July 30, 1953

Wilfred PeeWee Laurent left Tuesday to return to the Marine Base at Camp Pendleton, California.

Sheriff Jack Papendick left Sunday to attend the sheriff's convention in Marquette.

Dickie Nugent celebrated his birthday entertaining with ice cream and cake. Dickie received some nice gifts.

Al Leng arrived from Detroit with another new car for Leng's garage.

Pfc. Lyle D. Bindschatel arrived home Sunday morning after a 26 month tour of duty in Germany. He will return to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, August 16 for discharge from service. Lyle is the son of Mrs. Mary Bindschatel and Lee Bindschatel of Frederic.

69 Years Ago July 31, 1930

Ernest Van Patten is the proud owner of a brand new Monocoupe plane, the first plane to be purchased in Grayling.

At the Interlochen Bowl Sunday Lt. Com. John Philip Sousa was the guest conductor.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen announce the birth of a son Earl Francis, born on July 17.

Farrell Gorman left Tuesday night for Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, to attend citizen's Military Training camp during the month of August.

Jack Sparkes accidentally fell a few days ago and injured his ear, infection setting in.

92 Years Ago August 1, 1907

Mrs. A. Kraus returned from Saginaw Friday apparently cured, which is gratifying to her friends here.

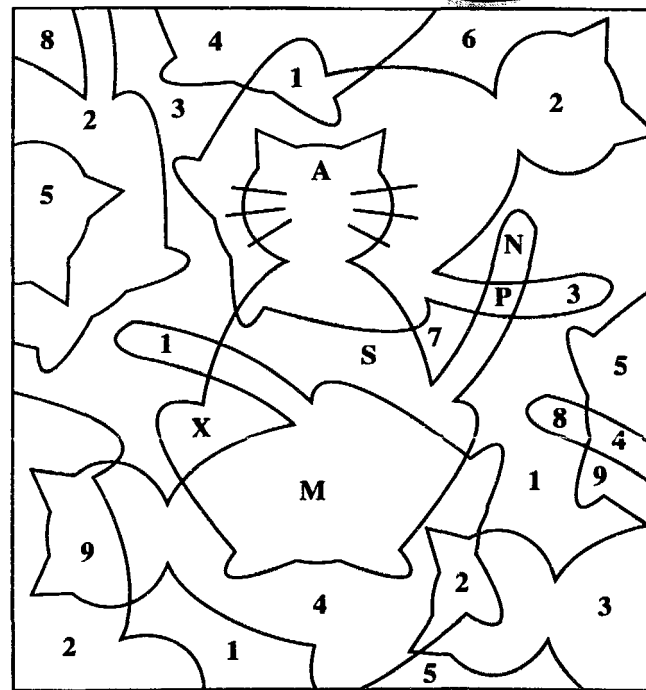
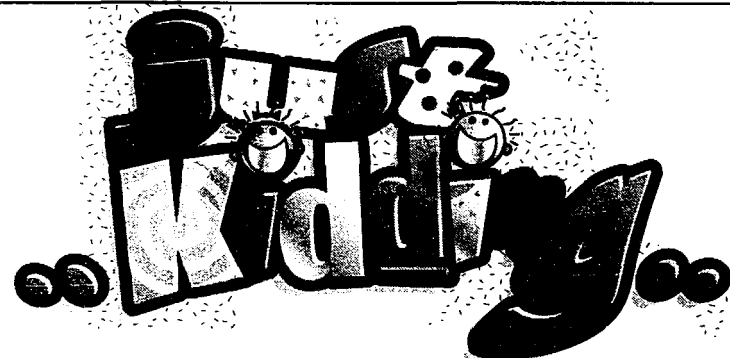
Chief Shoppenagon has posed as a hero the past week at the big "Homecoming" at Owosso where his father lived for many years as the head of the tribe, before the site for the present city was known to the whites. "Shops" was the observed of all observers in his costume and feathers.

Did you know that there were 22 thousand automobiles made in Michigan last year with a list value of more than thirty million dollars. (That's an average of about \$1,365 per car.)

From January 1 to June 30 there were 52 criminal cases prosecuted in this county, however, nearly all were minor offenses.

The Johannesburg Mfg. Co. are the leaders in making trunk slats. They have the best elm timber and machinery for making them and have recently shipped several carloads to many leading trunk makers of the U.S.

The Grayling team has done it again, winning from East Jordan. Dyer struck out 17 men. Graham was the catcher. Karney's long drive in the 9th scored two runs and won the game.



Color in each space that contains a letter.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
7/20	82	58	66	
7/21	71	64	65	0.17"
7/22	85	60	64	
7/23	80	64	68	0.67"
7/24	86	64	65	
7/25	83	58	61	
7/26	82	59	62	0.14"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday - chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high in the mid to upper 80's. Friday - continued warmer with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, a low in the mid to upper 60's and a high near 90. Saturday - chance of showers or thunderstorms with a low in the mid to upper 60's and a high of 80-85.

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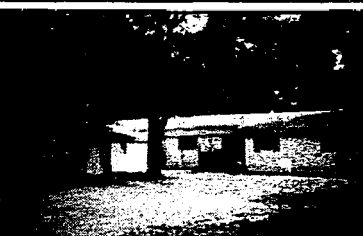
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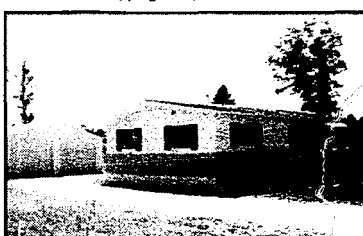
VERY WELL MAINTAINED mobile home with 2 nice additions, 3 bedrooms, sunroom and large foyer. Dining room offers bay window & built in hutch. Bath offers double vanity. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and electric dryer. 24x26 detached garage with remote door opener, has front & rear entrance for snowmobiles also a 21x12 basement. Adjoining state land. Great Recreational Getaway! \$49,000 CH-787



THIS AU/SABLE RIVERFRONT retreat is immaculate inside and out. Mainstream only 20' from front deck and screen porch. Quality features include knotty pine T&G beamed ceilings, fireplace with heatstator, high grade Berber carpeting, full window wall in living room, dining with extensive views of river. Oak cabinets, stove, dishwasher and washer & dryer. Reduced \$141,000 CH-991



NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement, 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. \$69,500 CS-837



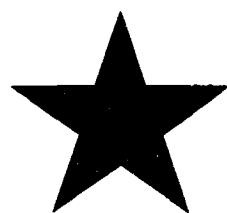
"SPOTLESS" Three bedroom home! Large double lot. Like new range, refrigerator, microwave, washer, dryer and hot water heater. 10x15 covered rear patio. Digital programmable natural gas thermostat. No Appointment Necessary. \$49,900 CH-986



CHARMING 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath with full basement. Nice location just minutes from town. Natural gas forced air heat, cable T.V., 2 car garage with cement apron, 3 decks and sidewalk. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer. \$68,000 CS-930



IDEALLY LOCATED on Michigan Avenue within Grayling City limits. The renovated duplex has hardwood floors, fresh interiors, separate garages, 4 partial lots, zoned for offices and services. Many possibilities, located across from Mercy Hospital. CH-931



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HISTORIC "LINGER LONGER LODGE" on banks of beautiful AuSable River. 389' frontage in park like setting. Stove, refrigerator, wood stove, washer & dryer. Period antiques and furniture included. Clark commercial kitchen range. Full lodge in fieldstone fireplace, vaulted ceilings and open loft. \$162,000 CH-997



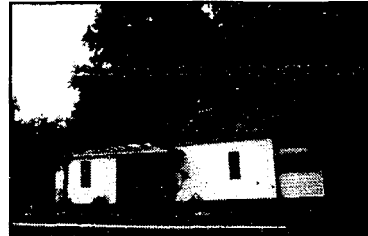
OPEN FLOOR DRAMATIZES VERSATILE INTERIOR! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, natural gas heat, city water & sewer. Family room, living room, dining area & kitchen offers open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, 5.5x4 dry bar off living room. French doors out to back yard. Master suite offers large walk-in closet, bath with garden tub & separate shower. Dining room offers built in hutch. Cable TV. Double lot in the city with 2 car garage. \$60,000 CS-974



RUSTIC KNOTTY PINE INTERIOR. Very affordable home just 1/2 mile from city limits. 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Natural gas heating, 10x12 storage building. Home is currently rented. By appointment only. \$33,000 CH-1011



VERY WELL MAINTAINED DUTCH MODULAR. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on large 2.37 acre lot. Complete with refrigerator, stove and dishwasher. Both front and rear decks for easy access. Cement patio for leisure and convenience. Peaked ceilings throughout. Detached 2 car garage, plus extra 8x12 storage shed. \$72,500 CS-988



CORNER LOT with abundance of shade trees. Cyclone fenced yard, full basement with plenty of storage area. Enclosed front porch with pine flooring. Covered rear porch. One car detached garage. Spacious room with separate dining room. Rented until August 1, 1999. \$40,500 CH-1012



TRANQUIL CHALET NESTLED on 20.40 acres. This 2 bed 2 bath is cozy amongst Red and White pines and a mixture of hardwoods. With its half basement there is more than ample storage space as well as plenty of room to play. Set back in this secluded setting for extra privacy, it's the perfect home for a family or a relaxing weekend. \$94,000 CS-981

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AUSABLE RIVER FRONT LOT near McMasters Bridge 200' frontage x 256' deep. 0% financing available. Call (740) 797-2801. (LR9/2/99/1)

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FOR SALE BY OWNER Five acres by Stephan Bridge and Shaw Road near Gates. (517) 348-1711 (-29/1)

AUSABLE MAINSTREAM LAND Terrific riverfront building property. Good investment possibilities. Hal, broker (517) 348-5965 (4/22/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

LAKE FRONT LOT on S. Manistique Lake near Curtis. 90' of lake frontage on year around maintained road. High and dry and ready to build. \$69,900 O.B.O. (5170 275-8987 (-29-5/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Lake Margrethe three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with garage. Deeded lake access, appliances, washer/dryer. Close to town and schools. (616) 844-7178 after 5 or leave message. (-8-15-22-29/1)

AUSABLE MAINSTREAM year round home. 149 ft. frontage, two bedroom, two bath, full basement, all hardwood floors. 24 x 24 detached garage with electric 30 x 40 pole barn on 1.73 acreage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$147,500 (517) 348-9428 (-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

FULL LOG HOME on ten acres. Two bath, two-three bedrooms, 36' covered porch, 24' x 36' barn. By appointment. \$123,000 (517) 348-7355 (-7/15/99tf/1)

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE Skyline Ski and Country Club. One to two acre beautiful wooded lots, with lifetime golf and ski memberships. Very attractive plan for builder spec homes (lots one thru ten available now). Lots priced from \$29,000 to \$49,000. For more information call (517) 275-5445. Special pricing for the first five lots sold. (-29-5-12-19/1)

2.(a) Want To Rent

WANTED TO RENT HOUSE Retiring October 1st. Three bedroom or bigger with garage. Prefer country 30 mile radius of Grayling, have pet. Call (517) 543-7123. (-15-22-29/2a)

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GREAT LITTLE GET-AWAY. Main cabin has bedroom and living room, bunkhouse cabin is separate and then there's an eating/cooking pavilion all among the pines with AuSable Woods Assoc. Amenities. Perfect hunting and snowmobile spot. \$74,500 (DM-1328)



3 BEDROOM home on a double lot. 2 car garage + a lean to and a 12x30 pole barn. Beautiful yard and garden area. Near the high school, state land and trails. \$68,900 (DL-1327)



407 MICHIGAN AVE. This elegant home is just waiting to be restored and taken care of. Four bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of built in storage, breakfast nook, sun room, hardwood floors, large basement and all the appliances included. Must see "As is". \$69,900 (DM-1325)



EXCELLENT RECREATIONAL OR RENTAL PROPERTY. Two bedroom, one bath mobile home on 1.9 acres. Features recent furnace, insulation, vinyl siding, ribbed roof, partial basement and two storage buildings. Located East of Grayling close to AuSable River, state land and trails. \$16,000 (KM-1328)



WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE on a large corner lot in Grayling Mobile Est. Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, lots of updates, two large decks, 1.5 car garage and central air. Must see to appreciate. \$43,500 (DM-1298)



THIS IS A GREAT LITTLE GETAWAY only 2/10ths mile from the AuSable River Mainstream on Wakeley Bridge Road. 12x55 mobile, completely furnished - as is - nothing guaranteed. \$12,500 (DM-1299)



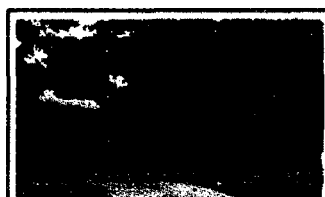
AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, enclosed porch, fireplace, fenced-in yard, two-car garage. 14x14 heated guest house. Located on over one acre, with state land across the road. Reduced \$38,000 (KJLJ-1041)



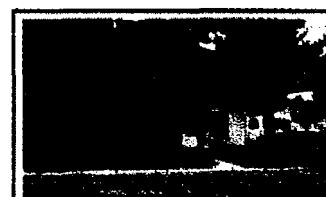
72+ ACRES, including large spring-fed pond that feeds Manistee Lake, with 1,400 sq. ft. log cabin will make a great retreat. Too many custom features to list including 24x32 heated pole barn. \$225,000 (KJLJ-1118)



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CITY OF GRAYLING. 2 bedroom home with a 12x16 storage shed, fenced in yard and nice trees. Newer roof & siding. Includes stove & refrigerator. \$52,900 (DL-1286)



M-72 EAST on 5 wooded acres with close access to AuSable River & State Land. 2 bedroom home with wood stove and fireplace plus a 20x20 garage & a 10x14 workshop \$62,900 (DL-1287)

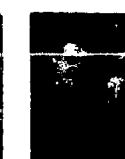
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2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM IN TOWN Two blocks from schools, garage with work shed \$450 per month plus utilities \$450 deposit. References, no pets. (517) 348-8497 (-29/2)

2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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NEAR LAKE MARGRETHE Cozy two bedroom, one bath, porch, yard. Natural gas heat. \$395 per month plus utilities \$395, security deposit. Call (517) 348-2610 or (517) 348-5838. (-22-29-5-12-19/2)

COBBLE CREEK APARTMENTS a family community is now accepting applications for our spacious 1-2-3 bedroom apartments and barrier free units. Rent is based on income. For additional information or application please call (517) 348-3150 or for hearing impaired call 1-800-760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity. Lansing Management Company. (-29/2)

VERY NEW, VERY NICE three bedroom, two bath home for lease at Lake Margrethe, non smoking only, no pets. \$600 per month plus references and security (517) 348-8627 (5/27/99tf/2)

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TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT 500 Michigan Ave., Grayling. \$380 a month, utilities included. (517) 685-3282 (-29/2)

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Connie Winans


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River Country Real Estate
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2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM AUSABLE DUPLEX available by 9/1. Fireplace, natural gas heat, attached garage, bonus room. 1615 Old Dam Road. \$550 month, security, references required. (517) 348-4124 (-29/2)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

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THREE BEDROOM in Roscommon. One car garage \$450 month. (517) 275-5225 (7/15/99tf/2)

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TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT in town. No pets, waterbeds, or smokers. \$475 month plus deposit. (517) 348-4840 (-29-5/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Great family home. Large three bedrooms, two baths, basement, garage and nice yard in town. \$550 month. Call (517) 344-9033. (-29/2)

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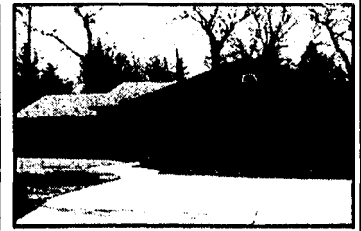
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8. Announcements

SOUP/SANDWICH/SALAD/DESSERT luncheon on Thursday, August 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take out available. All are welcome. Michelson United Methodist Church on Michigan Ave. (-29/8)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT is Steak Night at The Sawmill from 4-9 for \$4.99. (5/27/99/8)

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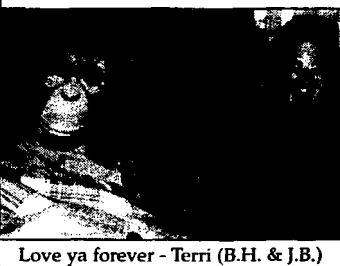
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10. Garage Sales

BEANIE BABY SALE Friday and Saturday, 30, 31. 9:30-2:00 or call (517) 348-6767 (-29/10)

LOTS OF ANTIQUES Includes cast iron, glass, dishes, hats, jewelry, collector's beer glasses, plus trolling motor, baskets, etc. Friday 9-4, Sunday 10-4, Not Open Saturday. 3182 Twin Pine Rd. Take North Down River Rd. about 6 1/2 miles East of town. Go past Stephan Bridge, .7 miles and turn right on Spite Rd. and go 1.3 miles to 3182 Twin Pine. (-29/10)

YARD SALE 5953 Suzanne. A little bit of everything. Tires, TV antenna, satellite, dollies, crochet dolls. 27 north to Airport Rd., left to Suzanne, left, first house on right, wrong address last time. (-29/10)

MOVING SALE Console piano \$800, sofa like new \$150, dining table, six leather captains chairs and buffet \$400, Kenmore chest freezer \$150. (517) 348-6882 (-29/10)

FRIDAY, July 30th-Sunday, August 1st, 9 a.m. - ? Breyer collectibles/accessories, books, jewelry, thoroughbred racing plates and posters. Name brand adult clothing, kids clothes, baby clothes for boys and girls, car seat, toys, lots of miscellaneous. 675 Little John Ave., Sherwood Forest. (-29/10)

SATURDAY ONLY 7-31. Patio table and chairs, 5 hp snowblower, food processor, oak bar stools, car ramps, water pump, new Woolrich parka, dishes, framed oil prints, some antiques, leaf mulcher, microwave, doors, old phonorecords, and much more. 9-4 2122 Danish Landing Road. (-29/10)

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2102 DANISH LANDING ROAD Friday/Saturday, July 30/31, 9-4:30. Three Rattan bar stools, white wicker set, tools. (-29/10)

PORCH SALE Saturday 7-31, Sunday 8-1, 9-4, 764 AuSable Trail. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE 2101 North Down River Rd. Miscellaneous items. Saturday, Sunday, 10-4, July 31, Aug. 1. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, July 30th and 31st, 9-5. 400 Ingham St. Bikes, full size mattress and box springs, pick-up topper, 10" radial arm saw, women, men and kids clothing, household items and much more. Lemonade stand too!! (-29/10)

YARD SALE 224 Misty Way Thursday, July 29th, 4-7 p.m. and Friday, July 30th, 9-3. Weather permitting. Men, women and toddler boy size 4-5T clothing, toys, furniture and more miscellaneous. (-29/10)

JULY 30-31, 10-4. 305 Scott St.; north of animal shelter. Table, chairs, bikes, handmade afghan, microwave, toys, miscellaneous. (-29/10)

MOVING SALE Sofa, love seat, table and chairs, dresser, clothes, hand tools and many other great items. 8 a.m. till 2 p.m., Saturday July 31. 604 Chestnut St. Grayling. (-29/10)

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